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COVID-19 spread linked to funerals

Second virus death reported in Berrien County

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Another death from COVID-19 was reported Monday afternoon in Berrien County as health department officials linked some of the local spread of the coronavirus here to in-person funerals.

According to the health department, some of the positive cases in Berrien County have been traced to funerals. In a news release, the BCHD urges families to conduct live-streamed funerals only, so friends and family can take part remotely.

"This is a solution that allows for the closest immediate family members at the funeral service in person, while keeping that gathering to under 10 people, while other people participate from home," according to the release.

Many funeral homes in Berrien County have already started to implement these remote viewing alternatives, the Berrien County Health Department reported.

The man who died was over 65 with underlying health conditions, the health department reported in a news release. He had been hospitalized at Lakeland Medical Center in St. Joseph.

The additional death brings the total number of fatalities in the county to two. The first death, a man in his 70s, was reported last Monday.

"This loss of life is tragic and we send our deep condolences to the family," said BCHD Health Officer Nicki Britten in the release. "We remain committed to slowing the spread of this virus to try to minimize the loss of life in our community during these unprecedented times."

The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Berrien County has risen to 60, over the 58 cases reported Sunday. These numbers include the two deaths.

The department reports that 28 of those cases have fully recovered.

Van Buren County gained two additional positive cases Monday, over Sunday, as well. The county's total is now 16, with still one death.

The number of cases and deaths in Cass County has not changed from Sunday. It remains at seven positive cases and one death.

Religious services

The BCHD is also warning against gathering during upcoming religious holidays.

"While the way we celebrate traditions may be different this year, know that you are not alone," Britten said in the release. "This is a challenging time and while we come from many different backgrounds, faiths and walks of life, we are uniquely bonded by this shared experience. One of the most loving things we can do for one another is to stay home."

Britten said, because COVID-19 can spread even before there are any symptoms of illness, it is so important to avoid any traditions that include family and friends or other people who do not live with you.

The BCHD recommends attending virtual services through your place of worship; celebrating with family via video chat; cooking traditional foods at home; and celebrating with immediate family now, and holding a larger celebration when the pandemic is over.

The state and county health departments update the number of positive COVID-19 cases at 3 p.m. each day. For state numbers, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Local numbers and information can be found at www.bchdmi.org, and at www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

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Berrien County's disease detective

Health department epidemiologist busy following spread of COVID-19

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Tucked away in the Berrien County Health Department is an essential employee whose job it is to prepare for and respond to the spread of diseases.

Guy Miller, the health department's epidemiologist, has recently put in many hours following the spread of COVID-19 in Berrien County and trying to get ahead of it.

But that's only just part of his job.

Herald-Palladium Staff Writer Alexandra Newman practiced social distancing and did a phone interview with Miller to learn about what an epidemiologist does, how he got into the field, and how we can best protect ourselves and others from getting COVID-19.

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Berrien County epidemiologist Guy Miller is shown on Friday in front of a map of Berrien County at the Berrien County Health Department. Miller stresses that people must take warnings about social distancing seriously, in order to protect themselves.

Q&A

GUY MILLER

How would you describe epidemiology to a person on the street?

The one thing I always get, and maybe it'll change after a global pandemic, but people always think we're skin doctors. They hear "epi" and think skin, but it refers to epidemic. We, as epidemiologists, are scientists who study diseases and how they spread. It's the study of how often diseases occur in groups of people, why they're occurring and where they're occurring.

We do a lot of mapping and tracking of the disease, trying to understand it and get ahead of it to try to stop it before it spreads across the community. We are like the disease detectives, that's what people refer to us as, but we do a lot more than that too. There's a clinical side of epidemiology, a research side and your public health epidemiologist who does a little bit of both.

What has it been like during the COVID-19 pandemic so far?

We are responsible in public health to follow up with anyone who has suspect COVID-19 or a positive laboratory case of COVID-19, so me and our public health nurses are working really hard to do contract tracing. like long-term care facilities. I'm in charge of following up with them and providing guidance on ways we can help control and contain COVID-19.

How did you get into epidemiology?

I graduated from St. Joseph High School in 2008. I'm a local, so I grew up here. After I graduated I was thinking health care. My mom had a bit of an influence on that because she's a surgical nurse.

I was pursing pre-med while I was at Grand Valley State University, and that also taught me about how to prevent infections, because you're washing your hands constantly to prevent spreading infection person to person.

During the last six months of my masters work, I worked at the Kent County Health Department under their epidemiologist, and that really got me fired up for not only a career in public health, but a career in epidemiology. Two months after that internship, the position opened at the Berrien County Health Department and I took that. That was in 2016.

What is your work like when there isn't a global pandemic happening?

I work with our food team to monitor for food-borne outbreaks and infectious diseases that are spreading that

There's also the public health epidemiology. I work with Lakeland's population health department trying to get community data on obesity, exercise, access to health care providers and access to good foods.

The health department runs a farmer's market as well and I've been very active with that, trying to bring food access to Benton Harbor. There really are no big stores in the city that sell a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables, so we coordinate food for people because we know what you eat can determine a lot of what your health outcomes are. It's important for a public health and an epidemiologist perspective that people are getting access to

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South Haven sends warning letter to short-term rental owners

Violators during stay-home order will be cited

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's stay-at-home order does not stop people from traveling to South Haven to stay in their second homes. However, it does prevent vacationers from renting those dwellings.

At least that's what South Haven city officials have concluded, and they're making their thoughts loud and clear in a letter sent to short-term rental property owners, rental property managers and members of the local lodging industry. If the affected properties haven't received the letter yet, they should sometime this week.

Signed by City Manager Brian Dissette and Police Chief Natalie Thompson, the letter urges lodging establishments not to rent to vacationers until the coronavirus-related stay-at-home order issued by Whitmer on March 23 is lifted. The order's expiration date is coming up quickly – April 13 – but could be extended if the number of virus cases and deaths continues to rise.

"We have begun fielding complaints from residents concerned over non-resident and out-of-state visitors coming to South Haven

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Benton Township Lowe's ordered to close garden center

Police issue cease and desist order; other stores also have been warned

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township Police Chief Brian Smit has ordered Lowe's to stop selling non-essential items out of its store, including from the store's garden center.

"We've gotten complaints of crowding, people not keeping a social distance. It could be dangerous to the public health," he said.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has ordered residents to stay home and businesses to only sell essential items to slow down the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic so hospitals aren't overwhelmed with patients.

Smit said the store was given a formal cease and desist letter Saturday. A manager at the Benton Township Lowe's said she was not authorized to comment on the matter.

Smit said officers have talked with other businesses that were still selling non-essential items, but the department hasn't given out any other formal letters.

"We've had compliance on many, so I haven't had to issue any other letters at this point," he said.

He said some businesses have started limiting how

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Michigan has deadliest day from coronavirus with 110 new deaths

By JUSTIN P. HICKS
mlive.com

State officials announced Monday that Michigan has 1,503 new confirmed cases of coronavirus COVID-19 in the last 24 hours and 110 new deaths from the virus.

Monday's updated death toll at 10 a.m. Monday marked the largest one-day increase in deaths. In almost four weeks, the state has climbed to 17,221 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 727 deaths.

Confirmed cases have increased significantly over time since the state began reporting numbers in early March, due in part to an increase in testing. Michigan has now had eight consecutive days of more than 1,000 new cases.

One week ago today, Michigan surpassed the 1,000-confirmed case mark in one day for the first time. The state had 6,498 total cases and 184 deaths on March 30.

Seventy-one of Michigan's 83 counties are home to at least one confirmed case of coronavirus.

Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties remain the three hardest-hit areas in Michigan with 80 percent of the total confirmed cases and almost 87 percent of the state's deaths from the virus. The trio of Southeast Michigan counties are home to 39 percent of the state's residents.

In Detroit alone, there are 5,023 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 193 deaths. The disproportionate number of cases in the metro Detroit area is a result of multiple factors, including the large population, more aggressive testing in those counties and community spread of coronavirus, according to experts.

Saginaw County announced its first COVID-19 death Monday. Ionia County also reported its first death, according to the local health department, though the state doesn't yet list the death.

As of Friday, Wayne County leads the state with 8,270 confirmed cases, including 5,023 in Detroit alone. Oakland County has 3,380 confirmed cases, followed by Macomb with 2,159.

With 64 new confirmed cases, Genesee County's total climbed to 568 and surpassed Washtenaw County, which has reported 539 confirmed cases.

Wayne County has reported 346 deaths from the virus, while Oakland County has reported 185 and Macomb County has had 100.

Health officials expected the number of confirmed cases to increase dramatically as more testing has become available.

Of the 40,581 total specimens tests in Michigan as of Saturday, 10,435 tests were positive (25.7 percent) and 30,030 tests were negative for COVID-19.

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Monday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
AC-6D-2H-7H-2S
Midday Daily 3
2-6-7
Midday Daily 4
6-9-5-6
Daily 3
8-1-8
Daily 4
5-7-1-8
Fantasy 5
05-18-22-29-39
Keno
02-06-07-08-12-15-16-18-21-32-39-40-44-49-54-59-66-68-70-73-76-77
Mega Millions jackpot
$127 million
Powerball jackpot
$190 million

Sunday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
19-20-24-32-35
Estimated jackpot
$130,000
Cash4Life
24-40-49-54-57, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
07-09-13-15-17-20-22-23-27-29-32-42-44-49-57-58-66-67-68-77, BE: 15
Daily Three-Midday
4-9-0, SB: 9
Daily Three-Evening
7-6-8, SB: 4
Daily Four-Midday
1-8-3-5, SB: 9
Daily Four-Evening
9-4-5-6, SB: 4
Quick Draw Evening
02-11-16-17-27-30-32-34-36-37-39-40-42-45-54-55-56-59-64-74, BE: 40

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
10-22-33-37-40
Pick Three-Midday
8-2-4, Fireball: 7
Pick Three-Evening
9-1-7, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Midday
0-4-2-3, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
8-9-8-4, Fireball: 8
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A cyclist wears a bandana over his face as he travels past a boarded up business on April 6 in downtown Austin, Texas. The coronavirus crisis is upending service businesses, and the crisis may permanently change the way Americans work, shop and socialize, even after the disease fades away.

After coronavirus fades, service industries may be changed forever

By PAUL WISEMAN and ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Business Writers

WASHINGTON — For years, personal trainer Amanda Tikalsky didn't have to worry much about her job. The U.S. economy's record-breaking 11-year expansion offered security to service workers like her.

Then came the coronavirus, which closed the Milwaukee athletic club where she worked for 15 years. She scrambled to organize online exercise sessions to keep money coming in. About 25 percent of her clients made the jump with her.

"It's an adjustment for everybody," she said. "We are used to being face to face."

But even when the virus threat is gone, Tikalsky predicts that many customers will continue to exercise from home. The shutdown is also likely to change her own shopping habits. She has a new appreciation for the ease of buying groceries online.

The pandemic is almost sure to leave a mark on the way people work, shop and socialize, perhaps permanently shifting the way many service industries operate. Consumers will think harder about the health implications of squeezing into crowded restaurants and movie theaters. More businesses will accept the effectiveness of employees who work from home, and the move to online shopping will accelerate.

"We've never had a crisis where we couldn't socially gather with people," said John Gordon, founder of Pacific Management Consulting Group in San Diego, which advises restaurants.

Until March, service workers – from dishwashers to real estate agents – had been enjoying a record winning streak in the job market. U.S. service jobs had risen for a decade.

The sector appeared almost immune to blips in the economy. Not even low-wage competition overseas or automation seemed to threaten service jobs that require direct contact with customers.

Then the virus arrived. It upended the service economy, which accounts for 84 percent of U.S. private-sector employment. It wiped out 659,000 service jobs in March – 94 percent of the jobs that vanished last month as the U.S. economy plunged into recession.

It is sure to claim many more. In an interview Monday on CNBC, former Fed Chair Janet Yellen predicted that unemployment rates could climb to Great Depression levels. But because the economy was in solid shape before the outbreak, she added, the return to normal employment could happen much faster than during the Depression or after the 2007-2009 Great Recession.

When the economy goes into a nosedive, manufacturers, not services providers, are usually hit first and hardest.

Not this time. The virus has been a gut punch to businesses that depend on social gatherings – restaurants, cinemas, theaters, hotels, airlines, gyms, shopping centers. More than 250,000 stores are now temporarily closed, accounting for nearly 60 percent of retail square footage, according to Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, a research firm.

The situation is similar in many other countries. In Wuhan, China, where the viral outbreak began, consumers are still reluctant to go out shopping as conditions slowly head back to normal.

Josh Rivas is among the millions of job casualties in the U.S. He works at a Subway at a rest stop in Connecticut where he and co-workers were laid off because of the virus amid dwindling traffic at the plaza. "We can't afford for us to miss a day of pay because we have families that we need to take care of and bills we need to pay," he said.

In recessions, factories are often the first to slash jobs, and they don't always bring them back. American manufacturers still employ 918,000 fewer workers than they did before the Great Recession. Over the same period, service employment is up by nearly 14 million.

Economists are divided over whether service employees will face the kind of economic disruption factory workers have endured.

Much depends on the rescue efforts being put together by the U.S. government and the Federal Reserve. Congress and the White House are throwing at least $2.2 trillion at American businesses and households in a desperate attempt to keep them from going under before the health crisis is over.

"As long as we do the policy right, we should get a pretty strong recovery," said Heidi Shierholz, senior economist at the liberal Economic Policy Institute and former chief economist at the Labor Department. "When the lockdown is over, I think we'll get a pretty decent bounce back."

Shierholz does not expect a "transformative" change to service sector jobs.

Still, some effects of the outbreak are likely to linger, analysts say.

Cooped up in their homes, Americans have discovered anew the convenience of shopping online – something that is likely to accelerate the decline of traditional retail stores, said Diane Swonk, chief economist at the accounting and consulting firm Grant Thornton.

Restaurants have closed their dining rooms and reduced service to takeout, delivery and curbside pickup. Swonk expects the trend toward grab-and-go dining to continue after the health crisis.

Restaurant consultant Gordon predicts that local governments will reduce restaurant seating capacity to keep diners from being on top of each other. "Some of the places we used to go were just armpit to armpit. Can you see us doing that now?" he said.

Millions of Americans have spent weeks working from home, and the experience has been eye-opening for many, and for their bosses. Meetings and even virtual after-hours cocktail parties can be organized on Zoom, WhatsApp or other programs.

"We're just discovering that we can have amazing seminars and conferences online much easier. We don't have to travel anywhere," said Arindrajit Dube, economist at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. That's troubling for airlines and hotels that depend on business travel, sometimes to subsidize discounts for leisure travelers.

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SJ Township board backs off road millage idea

Timing not right, members acknowledge

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph Township officials agreed Monday that many of the township's roads need work and fixing them will be expensive.

But officials, meeting via online methods due to the coronavirus, also agreed that now may not be the time to ask voters to approve a road millage, as many residents are likely hurting due to the outbreak and the economic fallout. Road funding was on Monday's agenda for discussion only, and the board agreed to delay any action for now.

"We've got to come up with a funding source for our roads," Township Supervisor Roger Seely told trustees at their noon workshop meeting. He said neighboring Lincoln Township and Royalton Township have had designated road funds for years, while St. Joseph Township pulls money from its general fund for its roads.

Township Manager Denise Cook said a recent study concluded that 68 percent of the township's roads are considered to be in poor condition. She said legally, the township can levy up to 3 mills of tax for roads without a vote of the people.

"But I don't know that that's a good idea," she said. Seely agreed, and said if a millage vote is proposed, the township would need to have a Plan B in mind in case it fails.

"It's certainly a big challenge and I was hoping we wouldn't have to go for a road millage," he said. "But I also don't want dirt roads 10 years from now."

Trustee Tom Milnikel said he thinks there would be a fair amount of dissent among residents if asked for more tax money any time soon.

"I think that, psychologically, we could have an issue, unless we're going to give something up," he said.

Trustee Dave Vonk said he, too, would like to study the matter further before taking any action.

At Monday's evening meeting, the board did approve an agreement to pay Wightman a fixed fee of $8,100 to complete the township's Transportation Asset Management Plan, which is part of a Community Wide Asset Management Program needed to complete a capital improvement plan.

Also Monday, the board approved a 2020 road agreement between the township and the Berrien County Road Department to resurface roads in the Tucker Drive subdivision to include Tucker Drive, Westwood Drive, Heights Drive, Field Drive, Wadena Road, LcLin Road, Carley Lane and Valley Lane, totaling 1.73 miles.

The estimated cost is $230,913, and the road department will match $103,186, leaving the township's share at $127,730, Cook said.

In another matter, the board approved an update to the St. Joseph Charter Township Municipal Support Emergency Operations Plan to be used in conjunction with the Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan, naming Police Chief Randy Leng as the township's emergency management liaison.

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TIME CAPSULE

The Easter bunny was caught working in the off season while marching in the St. Joseph sesquicentennial celebration parade through downtown St. Joseph on Aug. 20, 1984. This year's upcoming Easter celebrations promise to be subdued, to say the least, with the coronavirus pandemic canceling all but the smallest family Easter egg hunts.

BH sets special meeting to address shortfall

Social distance measures again encouraged within city

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor city commissioners are meeting Wednesday to figure out how to come up with another $1.3 million annually to keep an almost $15 million water and sewer project on track.

The special work session will start at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are being held virtually via ringcentral.com, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the governor's stay-at-home executive order.

Directions on how to join city commission meetings are listed on the city's website at www.bhcity.us, under Public Notices. People who want to participate in this or any other meeting can also contact Clerk Kimberly Thompson at kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov for an invite and further directions.

The state's Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy is requiring that the city generate another $1.3 million. The city has qualified to receive low-interest loans from the state to cover almost 66 percent of the costs, with the rest of the money, about $5 million, coming from the city. The city also qualified to receive $1.4 million in loan forgiveness from the state.

During Monday's commission meeting, most commissioners and city officials encouraged residents to stay home as the governor ordered so the virus does not spread further.

Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis said the state attorney generals's office have been encouraging police departments throughout the state to enforce the governor's orders for people to not congregate and to stay home.

"We have to emphasize to our residents social distancing," he said. "We've had some issues of people gathered in parks and driving around after hours. If you can help us get this message across so we can get out of this as quick as we can so it won't get extended."

Some commissioners said they have been told that people continue to gather in people's homes.

McGinnis said people can anonymously report social gatherings by using an app called Benton Harbor DPS, developed by Citizen Observer, that is available for download for free via the Google Play Store or the iTunes App Store.

Commissioner Juanita Henry said she plans to call a meeting of the city's communications committee that she chairs next Monday without doing it virtually. She said committee members can sit 6 feet apart and wear masks to make sure the coronavirus isn't spread.

But several other commissioners spoke out against meeting in person, including Mayor Marcus Muhammad. City hall was shut down to the public on March 24.

"It is not responsible to have any meetings at city hall," he said.

Muhammad said he talked recently with Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland.

"He shared with me that the ICU room is swelling. Cases are on the rise. And that Lakeland, at this time, has what they need," he said. "But that, of course, is relative because things are changing so fast. But he really encouraged me to continue to communicate to the residents to stay home and stay safe. Because the more we're home, the more we're not out exposed, the better the chance that they can continue to handle and manage the issue."

In other business, city commissioners approved:

- $39,889 of work to be done by R. Yoder Construction of Nappanee, Ind., at the city's Department of Public Works facility;
- $46,400 to be paid to Wachs Water Services to check the water flow at the city's fire hydrants;
- $46,000 to buy a 2015 backhoe;
- giving a key to the city posthumously to Bishop Nathaniel Wells Jr., who died March 24 at the age of 78.

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Yard waste pick-up suspended over virus concerns

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Due to changing circumstances caused by the novel coronavirus, information in the St. Joseph Township spring newsletter regarding yard waste, landfill passes and park opening dates has now changed.

Township Manager Denise Cook said the township recently received notice from Best Way Disposal that, due to challenges associated with COVID-19, yard waste pickup that normally begins April 1 is suspended until further notice.

Solid waste pickup will continue, but drivers will not pick up any waste left outside the garbage cart provided by the company.

Recycling will continue as long as recycling materials do not contain excessive contamination, and as long as recycling processing facilities do not limit or cease operations, Cook said.

The township will address distribution of spring landfill passes after the governor's executive order to stay at home and shelter in place is lifted. New landfill pass dates will be scheduled and announced after the order is lifted.

St. Joseph Township's parks will not open until the stay-at-home order is lifted, but trails remain open to the public.

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Brock Leichliter from Spectrum Health Lakeland works on one of the 150 iPads loaned to the hospital by Lakeshore Public Schools. He's preparing them to be used so patients treated at Lakeland during the COVID-19 pandemic can communicate with their loved ones.

Lakeshore schools loan 150 iPads to Lakeland

Will help patients keep in touch with loved ones

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — One of the toughest parts of being in the hospital during the COVID-19 pandemic is that family members can't visit their loved ones.

"Visitation has been shut down everywhere. It's the only way we can minimize transmission to folks who are otherwise sick and vulnerable," said Dr. Loren Hamel, president of Spectrum Health Lakeland and chief strategy officer of Spectrum Health System.

To help families stay in touch, Spectrum Health Lakeland officials reached out to Lakeshore Public Schools Superintendent Phil Freeman last week, asking to borrow some of the school district's Apple iPads.

In less than two days, Freeman said 150 of the devices were delivered to the hospital.

"What a great community partnership we have," Freeman said.

Megan Yore, director of marketing at Spectrum Health Lakeland, agreed.

"We're all supporting each other," she said.

She said patients can use their own cell phones, but not everyone has one.

"What we're doing right now is we have to reprogram them and then we're ensuring that they're able to be turned into phones," she said. "There's some technical things we need to do with them."

Getting the iPads quickly was critical. Local health officials believe a surge of COVID-19 cases could hit Southwest Michigan in the next two weeks.

In addition, Freeman said the iPads can be used by health care professionals during their rounds.

"If I can communicate with patients without having to go in and out of the room, then I don't have to resanitize ... and use up some of the equipment," he said.

The iPads will further satisfy a new executive order Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed on Sunday, which extended the mandate that non-essential visitors not be allowed in heath care facilities through May 3.

It added the requirement that facilities "use best efforts to facilitate remote visitations between individuals under their care and their loved ones, using phone or video conferencing software."

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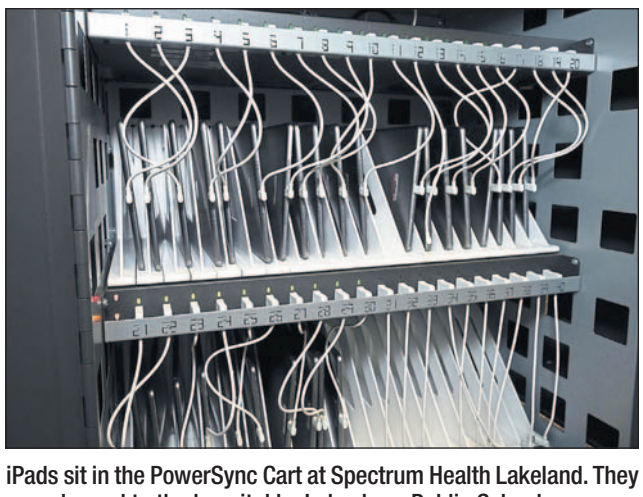

iPads sit in the PowerSync Cart at Spectrum Health Lakeland. They were loaned to the hospital by Lakeshore Public Schools.

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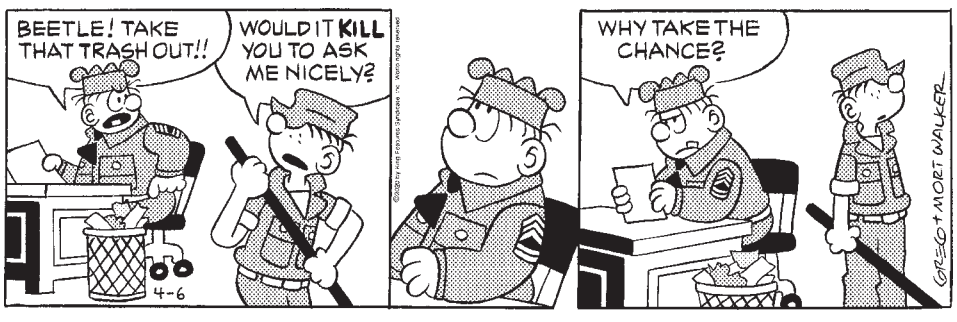

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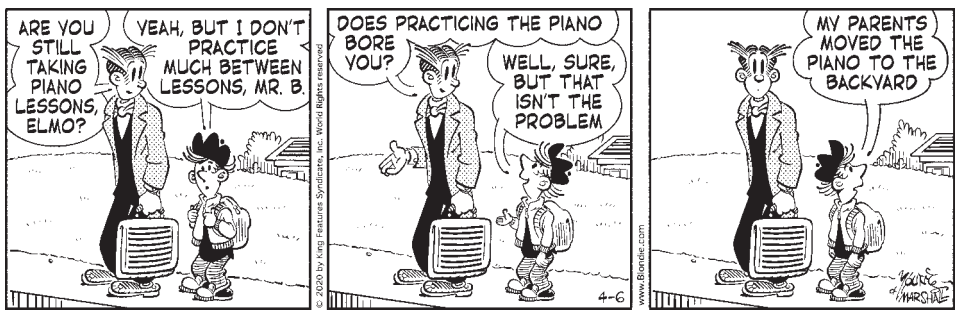
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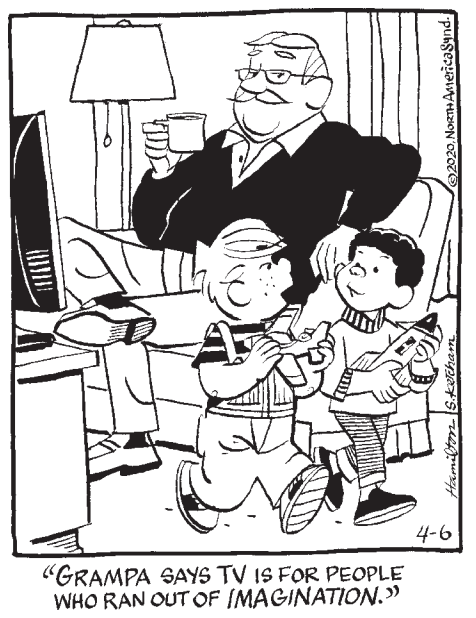
YEAH, BUT I DON'T PRACTICE MUCH BETWEEN LESSONS, MR. B.
DOES PRACTICING THE PIANO BORE YOU?
WELL, SURE, BUT THAT ISN'T THE PROBLEM
MY PARENTS MOVED THE PIANO TO THE BACKYARD
DEAN YOUNG & STAN DRAKE & JOHN MARSHALL

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Would you mind withdrawing your troops from my chair?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"GRAMPA SAYS TV IS FOR PEOPLE WHO RAN OUT OF IMAGINATION."

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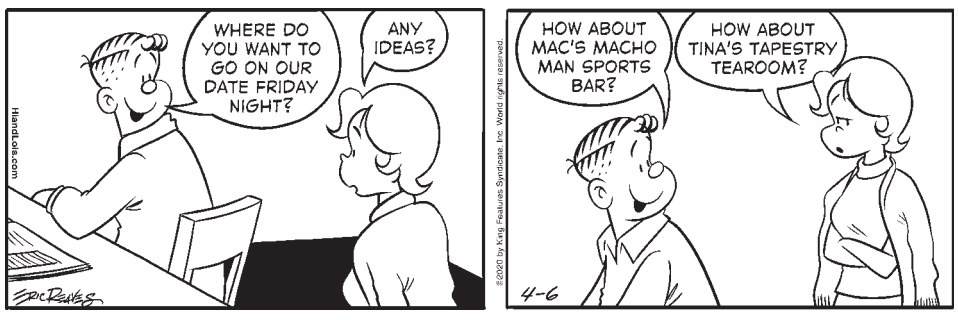
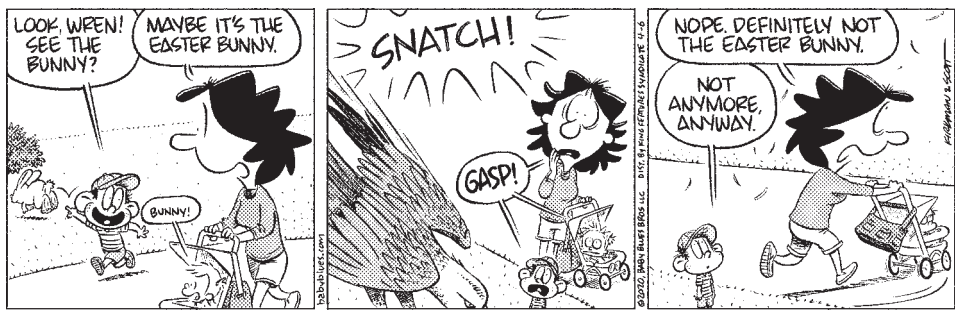

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO ON OUR DATE FRIDAY NIGHT?
ANY IDEAS?
HOW ABOUT MAC'S MACHO MAN SPORTS BAR?
HOW ABOUT TINA'S TAPESTRY TEAROOM?
ERIC REYES

BABY BLUES



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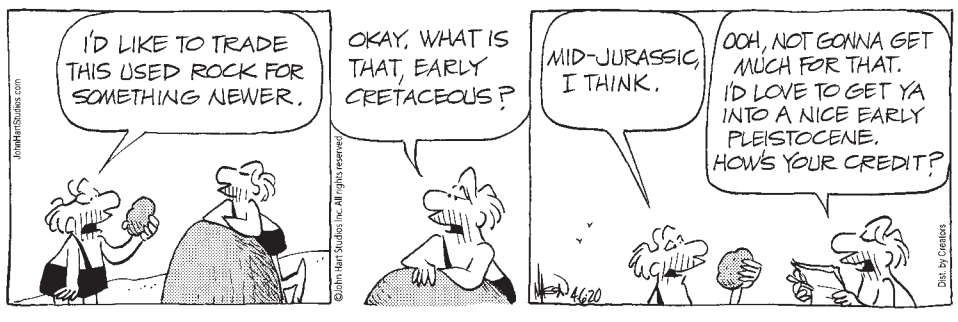
I'D LIKE TO TRADE THIS USED ROCK FOR SOMETHING NEWER.
OKAY, WHAT IS THAT, EARLY CRETACEOUS?
MID-JURASSIC, I THINK.
OOH, NOT GONNA GET MUCH FOR THAT. I'D LOVE TO GET YA INTO A NICE EARLY PLEISTOCENE. HOW'S YOUR CREDIT?
JOHN HART

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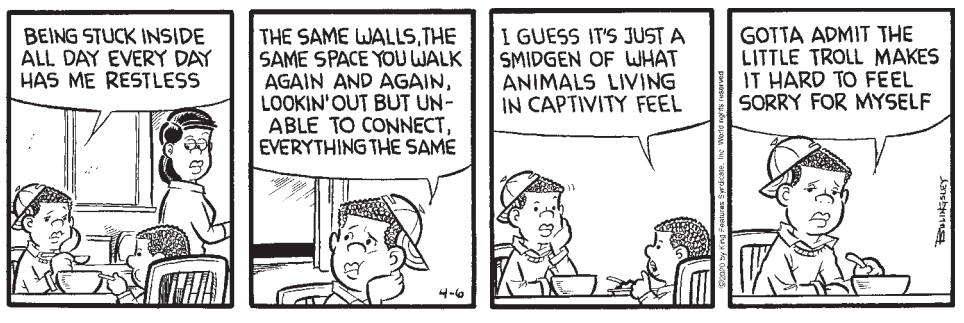
BEING STUCK INSIDE ALL DAY EVERY DAY HAS ME RESTLESS
THE SAME WALLS, THE SAME SPACE YOU WALK AGAIN AND AGAIN, LOOKIN' OUT BUT UNABLE TO CONNECT, EVERYTHING THE SAME
I GUESS IT'S JUST A SMIDGEN OF WHAT ANIMALS LIVING IN CAPTIVITY FEEL
GOTTA ADMIT THE LITTLE TROLL MAKES IT HARD TO FEEL SORRY FOR MYSELF
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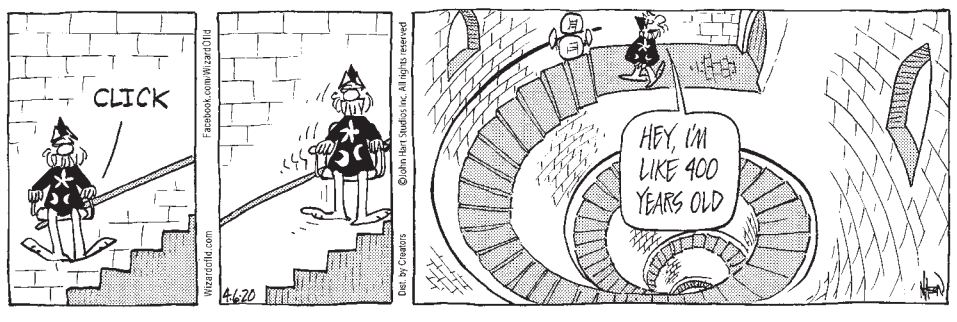

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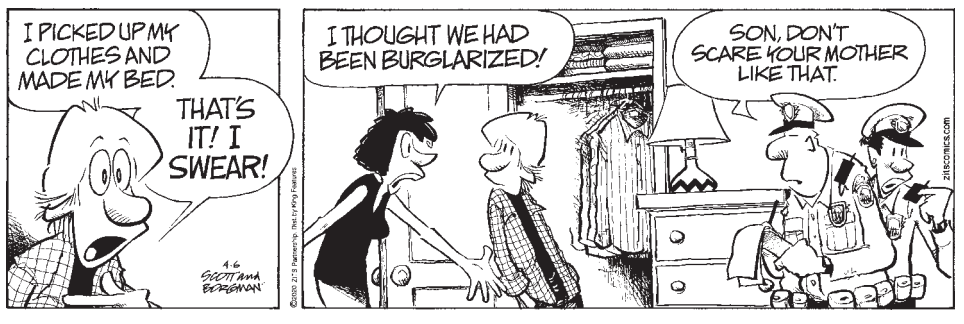
I PICKED UP MY CLOTHES AND MADE MY BED.
THAT'S IT! I SWEAR!
I THOUGHT WE HAD BEEN BURGLARIZED!
SON, DON'T SCARE YOUR MOTHER LIKE THAT.
SCOTT ANA BORGMAN
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THE MARKETING GENIUS
MY GENIUS ALONE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH TO FIX THE PROBLEMS AT THIS COMPANY.
THIS LOOKS LIKE A FIVE-DOGBERT SITUATION. THAT IS WHY I ARRANGED TO CLONE MYSELF FIVE TIMES.
WHAT'S THE EXTRA CLONE FOR?
THAT ONE TAKES THE BLAME.
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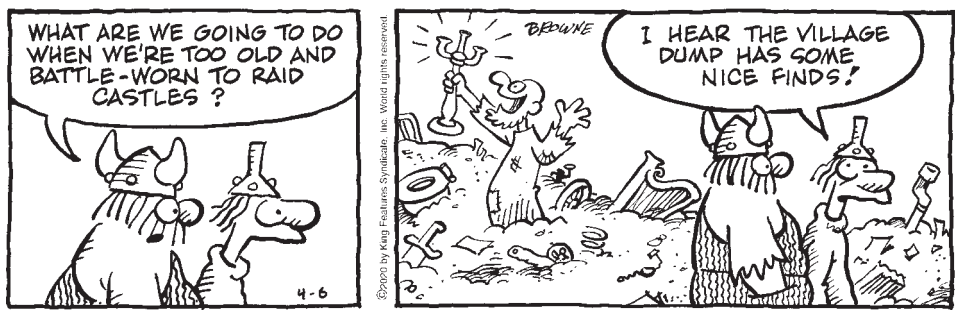

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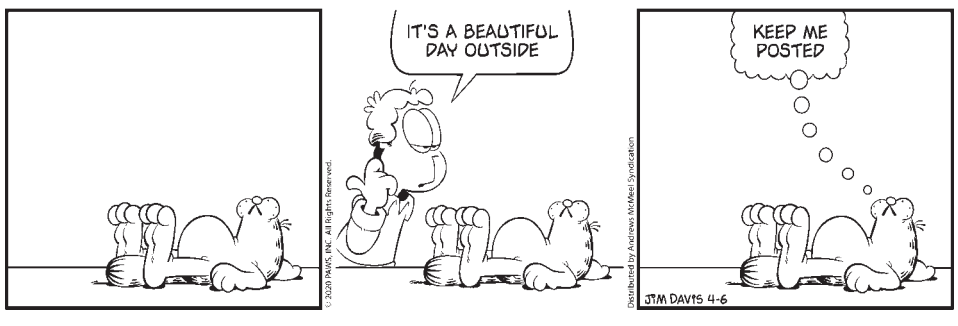

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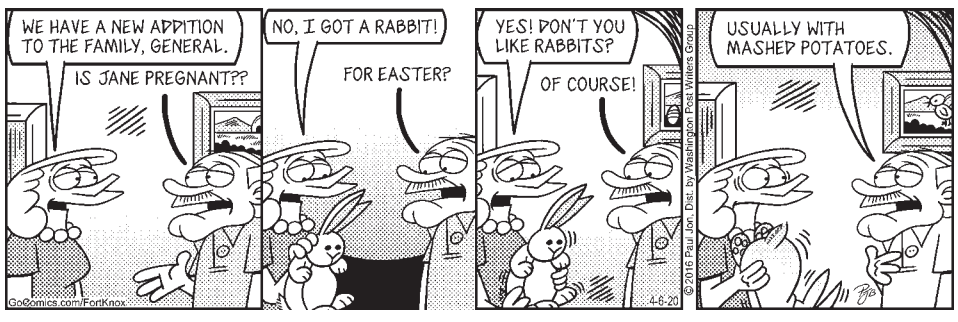

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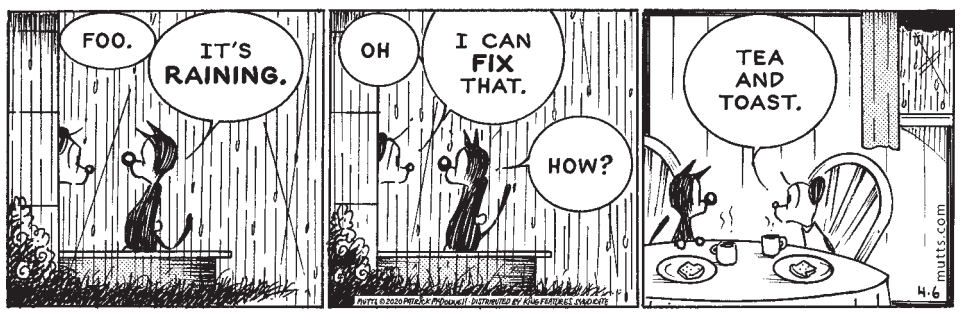
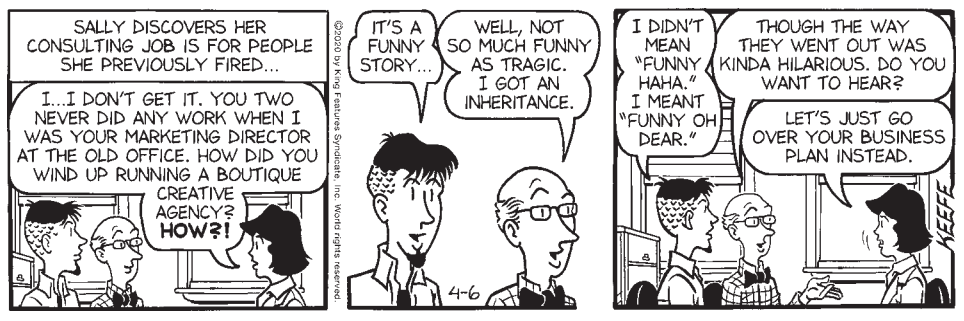


PICKLES

I MEANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE 30th ANNIVERSARY OF THAT PICKLES COMIC STRIP OF YOURS, LEON.
WHO'D HAVE GUESSED YOU'D GROW UP TO BE A SUCCESSFUL CARTOONIST?
I MEAN, GROWING UP YOU WERE NEVER VERY FUNNY, AND EVEN NOW YOU HARDLY EVER SAY ANYTHING AMUSING.
WHY IS THAT?
IT'S TOO MUCH LIKE WORK.

SALLY FORTH


SALLY DISCOVERS HER CONSULTING JOB IS FOR PEOPLE SHE PREVIOUSLY FIRED...
I...I DON'T GET IT. YOU TWO NEVER DID ANY WORK WHEN I WAS YOUR MARKETING DIRECTOR AT THE OLD OFFICE. HOW DID YOU WIND UP RUNNING A BOUTIQUE CREATIVE AGENCY? HOW?!
IT'S A FUNNY STORY...
WELL, NOT SO MUCH FUNNY AS TRAGIC. I GOT AN INHERITANCE.
I DIDN'T MEAN "FUNNY HAHA." I MEANT "FUNNY OH DEAR."
THOUGH THE WAY THEY WENT OUT WAS KINDA HILARIOUS. DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?
LET'S JUST GO OVER YOUR BUSINESS PLAN INSTEAD.
KEEFE

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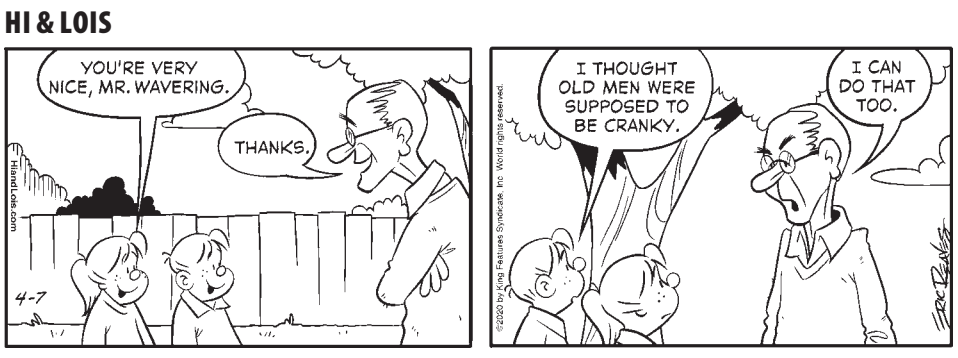

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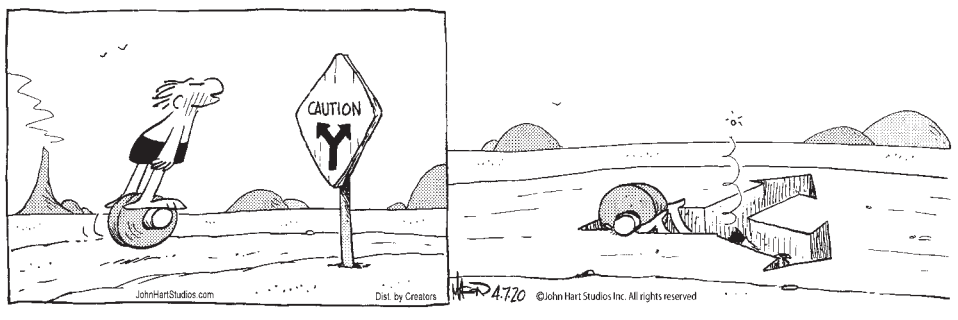

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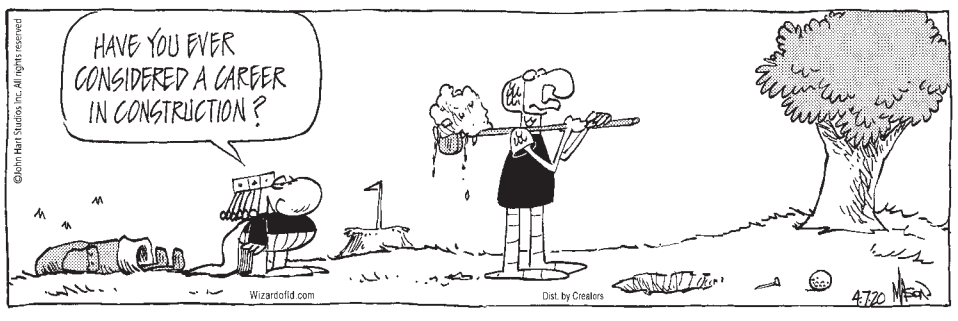
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED A CAREER IN CONSTRUCTION?
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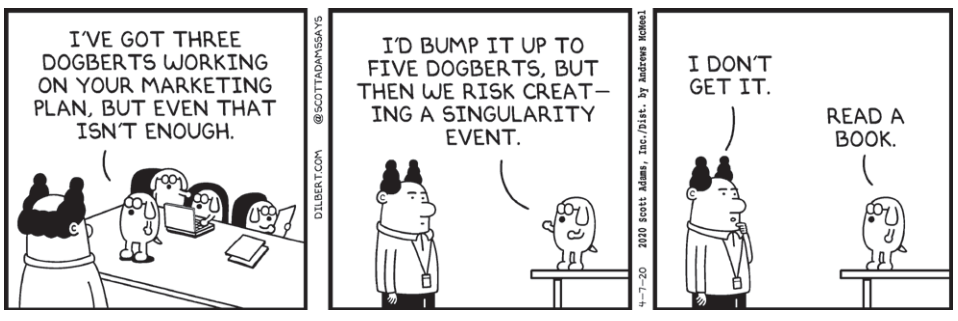
I'VE GOT THREE DOGBERTS WORKING ON YOUR MARKETING PLAN, BUT EVEN THAT ISN'T ENOUGH.
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I'D BUMP IT UP TO FIVE DOGBERTS, BUT THEN WE RISK CREATING A SINGULARITY EVENT.
I DON'T GET IT.
READ A BOOK.
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GARFIELD

I COME FROM A BIG FAMILY
I HAVE 1,832 BROTHERS AND SISTERS
BUT MOM LIKED ME BEST
NO DOUBT FOR YOUR HUMILITY
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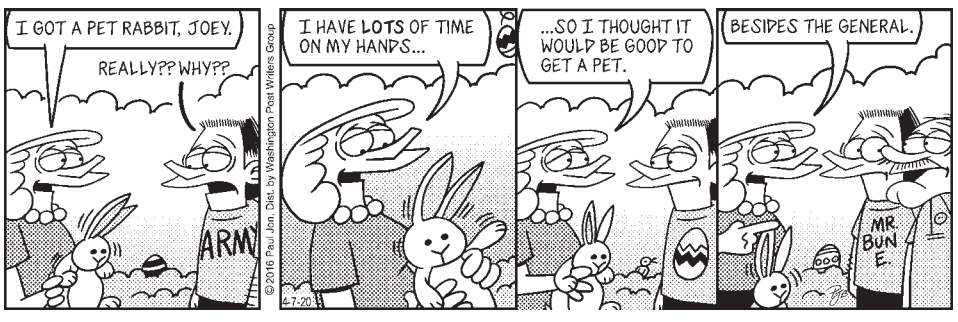
I GOT A PET RABBIT, JOEY.
REALLY?? WHY??
ARMY
I HAVE LOTS OF TIME ON MY HANDS...
...SO I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO GET A PET.
BESIDES THE GENERAL.
MR. BUN E.
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PICKLES

I HATE TO SAY IT, LEON, BUT FOR A CARTOONIST, YOU'RE NOT A VERY FUNNY GUY.
AND YET FOR 30 YEARS YOU'VE BEEN DOING A COMIC STRIP THAT RUNS IN HUNDREDS OF NEWSPAPERS AND YOU HAVE FANS ALL OVER THE WORLD.
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YOU'RE RIGHT, EARL. IT'S TAKEN ME YEARS TO REALIZE THAT I HAVE NO TALENT.
BUT I CAN'T QUIT NOW. I'M TOO SUCCESSFUL.
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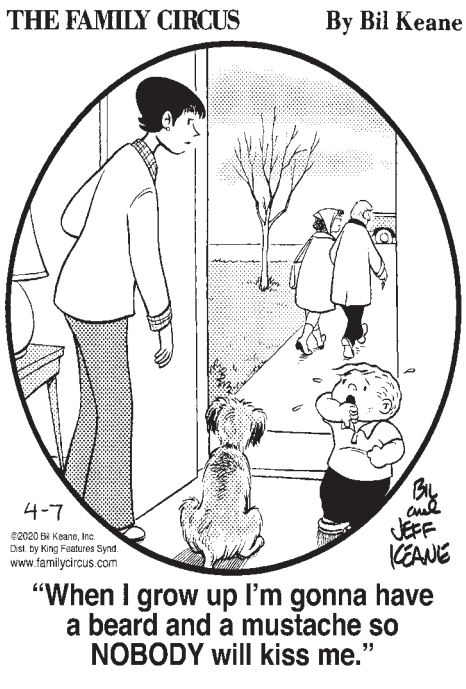
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"When I grow up I'm gonna have a beard and a mustache so NOBODY will kiss me."

DENNIS THE MENACE

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"I DON'T THINK IT'S BROKEN...BUT IF YOU GOT A NEW SCALE, YOU COULD HAVE ONE FOR EACH FOOT."

BABY BLUES

OHMYGOSH! SOMEBODY'S MOVING INTO BUTCH AND BUNNY'S OLD HOUSE!
AND THEY HAVE SOME OF THE SAME FURNITURE, THE SAME CAR...
DING DONG!
...THE SAME PEOPLE...
WE'RE BACK!
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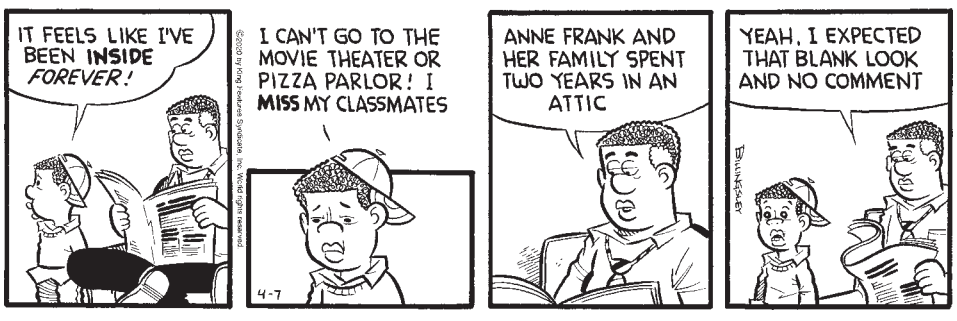
IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN INSIDE FOREVER!
I CAN'T GO TO THE MOVIE THEATER OR PIZZA PARLOR! I MISS MY CLASSMATES
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ANNE FRANK AND HER FAMILY SPENT TWO YEARS IN AN ATTIC
YEAH, I EXPECTED THAT BLANK LOOK AND NO COMMENT
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ZITS

I'M WASTING MY YOUTH IN SCHOOL.
THIS IS THE TIME I SHOULD BE OUT ENJOYING LIFE, SO I'LL TAKE MY INHERITANCE EARLY.
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YOU CAN ACTUALLY STILL HEAR THEM LAUGHING.
LET'S CHANGE THE SUBJECT.
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MY SISTER IS COMING FOR DINNER!
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I GET IT! YOU DON'T WANT ME TO EMBARRASS YOU WITH MY TALL TALES!
BUT I ESPECIALLY DON'T WANT YOU CONTRADICTING MY TALL TALES!
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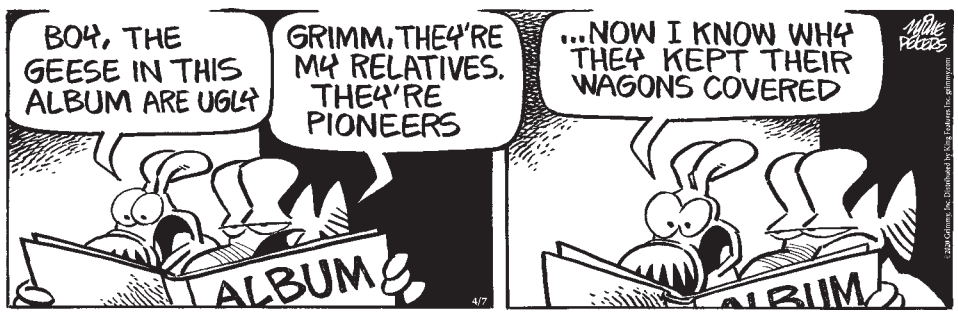
BOY, THE GEESE IN THIS ALBUM ARE UGLY
GRIMM, THEY'RE MY RELATIVES. THEY'RE PIONEERS
...NOW I KNOW WHY THEY KEPT THEIR WAGONS COVERED
ALBUM
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MIKE PETERS
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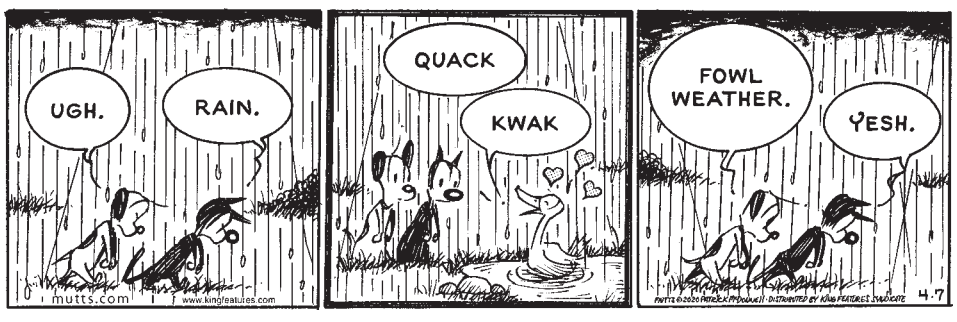

SALLY FORTH

THIS IS YOUR BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE PAST YEAR? ONE CLIENT THAT HIRED YOU FOR ONE JOB?
WELL, WE THOUGHT YOU COULD ALSO HELP WITH OUR MARKETING.
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BUT YOU HIRED ME TO CONSULT ON YOUR HR ISSUES, ONLY TO FIND OUT THE ONLY EMPLOYEES HERE ARE YOU TWO AND SELMA.
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YEAH, BUT BACK AT THE OLD OFFICE YOU WERE THE HUMAN RESOURCES AND MARKETING DIRECTOR.
NOT AT THE SAME TIME! SIGH...I KNOW I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE 15 MINUTES, BUT LET'S DISCUSS MY RAISE.
KEEFE

Jordan Brewer is playing the waiting game

Former St. Joseph, Michigan standout awaits return to pro baseball

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

BREWER

Professional baseball player Jordan Brewer has a lot on his plate these days.

The former University of Michigan and St. Joseph High School standout – and current member of the Houston Astros' minor league system – is back living in St. Joseph waiting to see what happens next while Major League Baseball is suspended due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"It's crazy," Brewer said. "You never expect to see this in a million years. As a professional baseball player, it's weird. I don't know what to expect now."

Brewer, the 2019 Big Ten Conference Player of The Year, played for the Tri-City ValleyCats of the New York-Penn League (Class A) last season. He appeared in 16 games in the outfield for the club after being drafted in the third round of the MLB Draft by the Astros after leading Michigan to the College World Series as a junior.

Brewer is currently in rehab following a procedure on his left knee. The pandemic has complicated the rehabilitation process.

"I have to find a facility that's both open and willing to work with me and my Astros physical therapist," he said. "No gyms open right now, so my fiancee and I have had to find creative ways to exercise, like putting books in bags and using them for squats.

"But it's nice for me; I get to work on my body and get healthier instead of trying to get out there and play as fast as I can and possibly causing more damage. I've been staying in contact with coaches as much as possible. I've talked to some guys who are hitting whiffle balls off tees in their garages. I'm working on visualization with pitches and focusing on my rehab."

With the help of a financial advisor, Brewer invested his $500,000 signing bonus in hopes he won't have to use it amid the uncertainty sweeping the country. But Brewer has overcome adversity before and is prepared to do so again.

"All of this brings me back to my junior college days," said Brewer, who spent two years at Lincoln Trail College in Illinois before transferring to Michigan. "I'm used to doing whatever it takes to achieve my goals. Going from spring training in West Palm Beach (Fla.) where it's 85 and sunny to Michigan where it's 35 and cloudy took some time getting used to."

Brewer has kept in touch with his former Michigan teammates and coaches, who are reeling from the NCAA's decision to cancel spring sports. The Wolverines were hoping to make another run at a College World Series berth.

"We're coming off a huge year last year," Brewer said. "A couple of my good buddies are making a good run at the (MLB) draft. I talk to them every day trying to help them based on my experience."

The NCAA Division 1 Council voted to allow schools to provide spring-sport athletes an extension of their period of eligibility, which Brewer was relieved to hear.

"That's huge," Brewer said. "It's another year of school, which will be an adjustment. My heart goes out to all the seniors. It's tough. Life threw us a curveball and we have to adjust."

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Beloved Tigers star Al Kaline dies at 85

DETROIT (AP) — Fresh off the train and only 18 years old, Al Kaline ran into an immediate roadblock trying to join the Detroit Tigers. Called up to the majors, he couldn't get past the security guards at Briggs Stadium.

"I finally convinced them I was the guy who just signed a bonus contract for the enormous sum of $15,000. That was a lot back then," Kaline recalled in a 1999 documentary.

His anonymity was short-lived.

Kaline, the Hall of Fame outfielder who played his entire 22-season career for Detroit, died Monday at his home in Michigan. "Mr. Tiger" — as he was affectionately known — was 85.

John Morad, a friend of Kaline's, confirmed his death, and the Tigers did so as well in a statement. No cause of death was given.

Kaline was the youngest player to win the American League batting title, in 1955 at age 20 with a .340 average. He was an All-Star in 15 seasons and won 10 Gold Gloves. The beloved No. 6 later sat behind a microphone as a Tigers broadcaster and was a special assistant to the general manager.

Kaline was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1980 in his first year of eligibility.

"There's a reason why he was Mr. Tiger," said Dave Dombrowski, Detroit's team president from 2001-2015. "First-class person, he was humble, he always played hard. He's the type of guy that everybody could latch onto."

Houston Astros star Justin Verlander, who pitched for the Tigers from 2005-2017, tweeted his appreciation Monday.

"Such a kind and generous man who meant so much to so many," Verlander said. "I hope you knew how much I enjoyed our conversations about baseball, life, or just giving each other a hard time. I am honored to have been able to call you my friend for all these years."

John Marin / AP
Detroit Tigers Hall of Famer Al Kaline is honored for his 50 years with the Tigers organization at Comerica Park in Detroit in this 2002 photo.

Kaline came straight out of Baltimore's Southern High School to the majors, making his debut on June 25, 1953.

He took over as Detroit's everyday right fielder in 1954, and quickly became a fan favorite at Briggs Stadium, later renamed Tiger Stadium.

Kaline never hit 30 home runs in a season and topped the 100-RBI mark only three times, but his overall consistency at the plate and his exceptional fielding and throwing put him among the top AL outfielders.

"There have been a lot of great defensive players. The fella who could do everything is Al Kaline," Baltimore Orioles Hall of Famer Brooks Robinson once said. "He was just the epitome of what a great outfielder is all about — great speed, catches the ball and throws the ball well."

Kaline finished his career with 3,007 hits and 399 home runs. He scored 1,622 runs and had 1,582 RBIs. He got his 3,000th hit back in Baltimore, slicing a double down the right field line in September 1974, his final season.

In his only World Series, Kaline hit .379 with two home runs and eight RBIs as the Tigers overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat St. Louis for the 1968 championship.

"If there is one accomplishment for which I am particularly proud it is that I've always served baseball to the best of my ability," Kaline said during his Hall of Fame induction speech. "Never have I deliberately done anything to discredit the game, the Tigers or my family.

"By far, being inducted into the Hall of Fame is the proudest moment of my life. You can be sure that I will make every effort to live up to the obligation associated with this honor," he said.

That same year, his No. 6 became the first uniform number retired by the Tigers.

"Many of us who are fortunate enough to work in baseball have our short lists of the players who mean the most to us. Al Kaline was one of those players for me and countless others, making this a very sad day for our sport," Commissioner Rob Manfred said.

Kaline and Willie Horton — another beloved ex-Tiger — were named in 2001 as members of the new Tigers Baseball Committee, joining team owner and president Mike Ilitch, general manager Randy Smith and manager Phil Garner. Ilitch disbanded the committee at the end of that season, but both Kaline and Horton remained as special assistants to Dombrowski after his arrival.

Major League Baseball presented Kaline in 1973 with the Roberto Clemente Award honoring the player who best exemplifies sportsmanship, community involvement and contribution to his team.

Hall of Famers Alan Trammell and Jack Morris, teammates on Detroit's 1984 championship team, praised Kaline's influence.

"Today we lost one of our treasures. Al Kaline was an icon, not only to the Tigers organization, but to all of baseball. Mr. Tiger was not just a great player, but was also a classy person who I held in high esteem," Trammell said in a statement released by the Hall.

Said Morris: "If you were a Tiger, you followed his lead. Whether he was a player or broadcaster, he was around the field, around the clubhouse, and available to have a conversation if you needed some advice. That's what the Tigers players cherished."

The Tigers' spring training complex in Lakeland, Florida, is on Al Kaline Drive.

Michigan's DeJulius intends to enter transfer portal

ANN ARBOR (AP) — Michigan guard David DeJulius intends to enter the transfer portal.

The school announced the sophomore's plans Monday. He averaged 7.0 points and 20.9 minutes this past season.

Michigan was already set to lose senior point guard Zavier Simpson, and now the backcourt may take another hit if DeJulius leaves. DeJulius scored a career-high 20 points at Maryland on March 8, the final game the Wolverines played before the season was halted because of the coronavirus.

DeJulius played 25 games in 2018-19 as a freshman.

MLB, union discuss playing all games in Arizona

NEW YORK (AP) — Putting all 30 teams in the Phoenix area and playing in empty ballparks was among the ideas discussed Monday by Major League Baseball and the players' association.

The sides held a telephone call to talk about paths forward for a season delayed by the new coronavirus pandemic, people familiar with the discussion told The Associated Press.

Ideas are still in the early stage, and the Arizona option would have many obstacles to overcome, the people said.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Cronies
5 Neighbor of Can.
8 Rim
12 Touched down
13 Without delay
14 Not mine
15 Hunter's prey
16 Slice into thin strips
18 Cowboy's strings
20 Jeopardy
21 SAS competitor
22 Calendar abbr.
23 Ancient Mexican
26 Spice rack item
29 Herr's abode
30 Crude metals
31 Prompt
33 Ms. Jillian
34 Turn
35 Cry of disappointment (2 wds.)
36 Barked
38 Woodwind instruments
39 Director Howard
40 Sporty truck
41 Je ne sais —
43 Branched horn
46 Mauve
48 Superstar
50 Ocean motion
51 Flower garland
52 Corn holder
53 Goad a horse
54 Swimmer's unit
55 Retain

DOWN
1 Shoulder enhancer
2 Without — — to stand on
3 Stead
4 Lambastes
5 Fix, as a copier
6 Tart
7 Leather punch
8 Gazing at
9 Wears
10 Slimy crud
11 Poet's before
17 Soldering tools
19 RN forte
22 Air
23 Gleeful cry
24 Silly
25 Fish for salads
26 Part of a crossword
27 She loved Narcissus
28 Viking letter
30 Friendly
32 Sister of Helios
34 Go bad
35 Egyptian monument
37 Correct
38 New York Giants hero
40 Nerdy
41 Witticism
42 Pakistan's language
43 On a cruise
44 McClurg or Brickell
45 Thespian's quest
46 Liq. measures
47 Down with the flu
49 Remove, as branches

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	R	U	Z		J	U	N	E		V	A	T
R	E	N	O		A	T	O	N		E	R	R
O	T	T	O		M	E	G	A		R	A	E
C	R	I	M	P	S			C	A	B	B	Y
	O	L	E	O		G	U	T	S			
				D	R	O	L	L		K	N	O	X
B	A	N		E	B	O	N			S	O	U	L
U	S	E	S		I	S	A	K		D	R	S
S	H	E	A		E	S	S	A	Y			
			R	O	S	Y		R	E	S	T	
D	R	U	I	D			F	L	A	K	E	S
I	O	N		D	E	J	A		R	O	M	P
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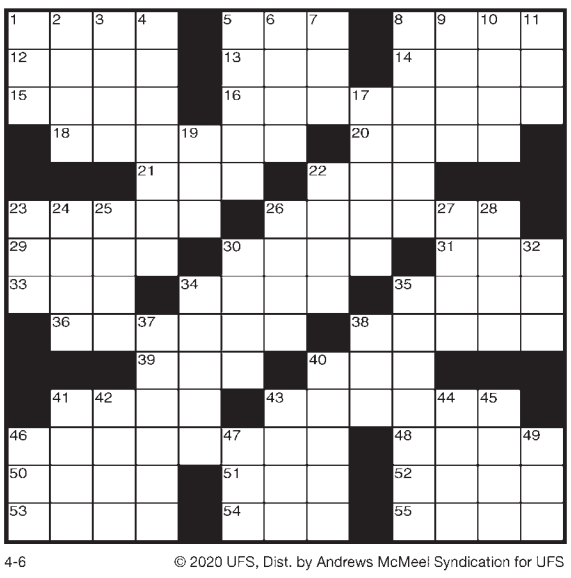
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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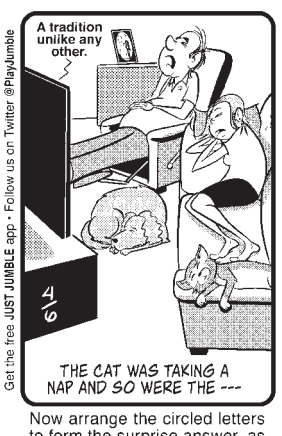
TOHOT

CANEEM

CRYSUR


A tradition unlike any other.
THE CAT WAS TAKING A NAP AND SO WERE THE ---
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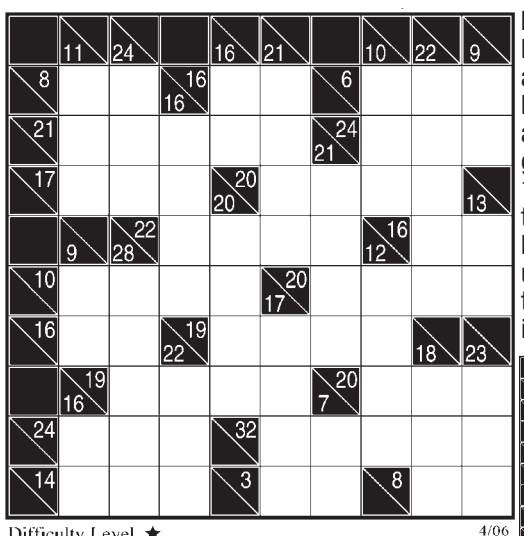
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

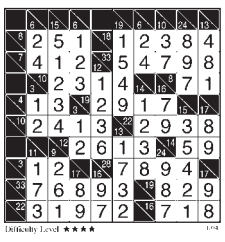
Saturday's Jumbles: CELLO FUDGE RIPPLE NOTIFY
Answer: When Henry and Richard started their tax preparation company in 1955, — PEOPLE FILED IN

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★ 4/06



BRIDGE

If a movie makes a lot of money, thoughts immediately turn to filming a sequel. Usually, that sequel just adds a number to the original; for example, "Back to the Future II." But what would have been the sequel to "Madame X": "Madame XI" or "Madame Y"?

In many bridge deals, if declarer makes the right play early, the sequel is success; whereas if he blunders near the beginning, he cannot recover – as in today's deal.

Against South's four-heart contract, West leads the spade queen. What should declarer do?

North's response of two diamonds was a transfer bid, showing at least five hearts and possibly no points. His jump rebid of three no-trump offered a choice of games. South, despite his 4-3-3-3 distribution, went with the nine-card fit. (Note that three no-trump has no chance after West leads the spade queen.)

A careless declarer sees only three losers: the missing aces. He wins trick one and immediately plays a trump. However, East wins and returns a spade. Suddenly South sees a fourth – now unavoidable – loser in spades: down one.

A careful declarer realizes he must do something about his third-round spade loser immediately. He must discard a spade from the board on his third diamond. Also, since the defender with the diamond ace might duck for one round, South carefully wins the first trick with dummy's spade king. Then he leads a diamond. However the defenders play, dummy's spade loser evaporates and the contract is made.

Keep two eyes open for those third-round losers.

North 04-06-20
♠ K 7 4
♥ Q J 10 8 3
♦ 3 2
♣ Q J 10

West
♠ Q J 10 8
♥ 7 5
♦ A 10 8 4
♣ A 6 3

East
♠ 9 5 2
♥ A 6
♦ 9 7 6 5
♣ 9 8 5 2

South
♠ A 6 3
♥ K 9 4 2
♦ K Q J
♣ K 7 4

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♠ Q

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

6		2	1	9			3	
9			8		6		2	
	1		2	5		8	6	
5	7							8
	2	1	4	6	8	5	9	
8							4	3
	5	9		4	1		8	
	6		5		9			4
	4			2	7	9		6

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	5	9	2	8	1	4	7	3
7	8	4	6	3	9	5	1	2
2	3	1	4	7	5	9	8	6
3	7	2	9	4	6	1	5	8
8	4	5	3	1	7	6	2	9
1	9	6	5	2	8	3	4	7
5	6	7	8	9	4	2	3	1
4	1	3	7	6	2	8	9	5
9	2	8	1	5	3	7	6	4

PRIME TIME TV

TUESDAY EVENING APR. 7

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	The Conners (N)	Bless This M.	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	For Life "Daylight" (N) CC	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS A Navy musician is murdered.		FBI A Wall Street investor is murdered.		FBI: Most Wanted "Caesar" CC	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	Ellen's Game of Games (N) CC		New Amsterdam "The Island"		Coronavirus Pandemic	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	The Resident "Burn It All Down"		Empire "We Got Us" (N) CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Steves' Europe	The Gene: An Intimate History (Series (P)) History of the human genome. (N)				Frontline "China Undercover" (N) CC	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Supergirl CC		Batwoman CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Some Friend"		Chicago P.D. "Pain Killer" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. "This City" CC (DVS)	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Supergirl CC		Batwoman CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland Ben avoids his aunts phone calls.		Highway to Heaven "Aloha" CC		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN (9)	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Bridge of Lies" CC		The First 48: Women of Homicide (N)		The First 48: Women of Homicide (N)	
AMC	5:30 Eraser	Blade ('98) Wesley Snipes. (P). A vampire hunter does battle with a vicious bloodsucker.				:45 Blade II	
Animal	Tree	Coyote P	Coyote P	Coyote Petersn		TM: Branched Out	
BET	6:30 Meet the Browns ('08)			Diary of a Mad Black Woman			
Big Ten	Big Ten	Wisconsin		Journey	College Wrestling CC		
Bravo	Vanderpump Rul	Vanderpump Rules "Prank Wars" CC		Vanderpump Rules "Shame Hangover"		Family Karma "Frienemies for Life"	
Cartoon	Gumball	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	Enemy of the State	The Change-Up ('11, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Jason Bateman. CC				9:55 Beaches ('88) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N) CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Creek	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Deadliest Catch	Deadliest Catch "Captains on the Brink" (N) CC					
Disney	Bunk'd	Descendants 2 ('17) Dove Cameron.				Fam Jam	Sydney
DIY	Texas Fix	Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley
ESPN	:00 MLB Baseball From Sept. 6, 1995.						
ESPN2	NBA 2K	NBA 2K Tourn.		NBA 2K Tourn.		NBA 2K Tourn.	
ESPNC	Football	Golf		8:51 Golf	:16 Golf	9:58 Golf	
Food	Chopped	Chopped CC		Chopped CC		Supermarket	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Every	Detroit Pistons Classics (N)				Focused	Wingspan
Freefrm	6:30 Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC			Matilda ('96, Children's) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito, Rhea Perlman. CC			
FX	Pitch Perfect 3	Hidden Figures ('16) Taraji P. Henson. Mathematicians help launch astronaut John Glenn into space. CC					
Golf	To Be Announced			To Be Announced			
Hallmark	Bottled With Love	The Convenient Groom ('16) Vanessa Marcil, David Sutcliffe, Karen Kruper. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Real, Bill Maher	Blinded by the Light ('19) Viveik Kalra, Hayley Atwell, Rob Brydon. CC				Westworld "The Mother of Exiles"	
History	Oak Is	Digging Deeper		Curse-Island		The Secret of Skin	
HGTV	Love-List	Love It or List It (N)		Unsella	Unsella	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	7 Little	Little People, World		Little People, World		7 Little Johnstons	
Lifetime	Grey's Anatomy	Tyler Perry's Madea's Big Happy Family ('11) Tyler Perry, Shad "Bow Wow" Moss. CC					Abducted Story
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Teen OG	Teen Mom OG CC		Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	White	Chicago Blackhawks Classics					White
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Mock Draft		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Danger	Sponge.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero		Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Fathers and Sons"		Chicago P.D. "True or False"		Chicago P.D. "Trigger" CC (DVS)	
Parmt	Two Men	Beverly Hills Cop ('84) CC				Ink Master (N) CC	
Showtime	Indecent Proposal	Homeland "In Full Flight" CC		Traitor ('08, Action) Don Cheadle, Guy Pearce, Said Taghmaoui. CC			
Starz	:09 Friends With Benefits ('11) Justin Timberlake.			The Stepfather ('09) Dylan Walsh, Sela Ward. CC			The Comedian
STZENC	:10 X-Men Origins: Wolverine ('09) Hugh Jackman.			Hulk ('03, Fantasy) Eric Bana, Jennifer Connelly, Sam Elliott. CC			
SyFy	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Last O.G.
TCM	Creature-Black	Cry of the City ('48) Victor Mature, Richard Conte. (P). CC				The Lady From Shanghai	
TMC	Blue Streak	Mile 22 ('18) Mark Wahlberg, Lauren Cohan. CC			:35 Unlocked ('17) Noomi Rapace, Orlando Bloom. CC		
TNT	The Accountant ('16) Ben Affleck.					The Accountant ('16)	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures "Ireland's Dark Haunts"				Ghost Nation (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	TBA	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	:00 Man on Fire ('04) Denzel Washington. A bodyguard takes revenge on a girl's kidnappers. CC					Man on Fire ('04) CC	

Spoiled niece has history of misbehaving at parties

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I want to host a college graduation party for our son. The problem is, one of my sisters has four children – three teenagers and an 11-year-old who doesn't behave at parties. My sister calls her "Our Little Precious." She and her husband come to events, ignore the kids and want this to be their time to "relax." Another sister has two teenagers who are very well behaved.

My husband wants to ban Little Precious from the graduation party and invite the well-behaved teenagers. I agree with my husband that I do not want another party ruined, especially since my son worked so hard to graduate. But I don't want to cause a permanent rift in the family either. My sister is very stubborn, hot-tempered and clueless. Advice? – Sister In The Middle

DEAR SISTER: Your son deserves to celebrate the milestone he has earned without the distraction of an unruly child casting a shadow over the event. Consider having a small gathering for immediate family only, and something larger at another time that includes your son's friends as well as your own. Or invite your sister and her family with the proviso that if Little Precious acts up, they will leave and take her home. Precious, my foot!

DEAR ABBY: At 73, I am blessed with excellent health and stamina. The only nod to my age is that I like to have a 20-minute nap after lunch. However, my kids and others treat me like I'm 90. They keep asking how I feel and if I'm tired. My son-in-law "Dave" is anxious when I babysit my 4-year-old granddaughter unless it's at their home. How can I make clear to them that I'm as capable as I was 25 years ago without either insulting or angering them? – Napping Grandma In L.a.

DEAR NAPPING: Your daughter and son-in-law are lucky. Their daughter has a healthy, caring grandma who is WILLING to look after her grandchild while Mom and Dad do ... whatever. Not all parents are so fortunate.

These days, 73 is not over the hill. Could Dave's concerns about your health be caused by ageism? Or does he prefer you do your babysitting at their house because he thinks yours isn't sufficiently childproof?

As to offending your daughter and her husband, if you prefer to babysit at your house, that should be your choice. But if they don't agree with that, suggest they hire someone because you will be playing tennis, a round of golf or training for a marathon.

DEAR ABBY: An acquaintance I see occasionally has a grooming problem I'm reluctant to tell him about because I don't know him well: He has hairs growing out of his nose, and they are not only noticeable but distracting. How can I apprise him of this without embarrassing him and myself? – Diplomat In San Francisco

DEAR DIPLOMAT: Allow me to answer that question by quoting an ancient Chinese proverb: "When in doubt, do nothing." While your intent is to be helpful, it would cause embarrassment, and I don't recommend it.

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Will apologizing for past mistake make it worse?

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from online discussions.

DEAR CAROLYN: A year ago I had an emotional affair with my son's soccer coach. I was under the impression his relationship with his wife was on the rocks. At the time, my relationship was less than great with my husband.

I went ahead with the secret relationship even after being approached by his wife, who suspected. I brushed it off and said we were just friends. Basically, I lied, and my relationship continued to blossom with the coach.

So now I am OK in my marriage, and feeling less than great about the harm I have caused another family, and my own. I am wondering if it is appropriate to apologize to coach's wife even after all this time. Would this cause a bigger stir than necessary?

I know apologies and forgiveness are important, but is this just a little beyond the realm of apologies? – Feeling Less Than Great

FEELING LESS THAN GREAT: It's a lot beyond the realm of apologies.

The only reason to apologize would be for the wife to feel better, and I feel pretty comfortable guessing that the best the wife can feel is in not thinking about you or this bad episode in her life. Your parachuting in from the past to remind her that you exist would not accomplish that.

You want to apologize for *you* to feel better. That's a no.

To reckon with the harm you did – which is indeed a good impulse – your best bet is to look forward. That doesn't just include the obvious, of not doing this again, but also putting your energy toward a greater good. It doesn't even have to be related – just, a decision to be a purposeful part of the world in some way you're equipped to contribute.

This isn't just advice for you, either, but for anyone, since we're all going to do damage somehow to someone, being human and all. So it's on us to renew our focus, when we're in a position to, on efforts to the good.

DEAR CAROLYN: My boyfriend of a year and a half makes good money, but I do make more, so I said we should split our upcoming vacation expenses accordingly. Meaning basically I'm paying about 60 percent of all joint expenses and he's covering the rest. Recently he told me he wants to do a really expensive diving excursion while we're there. I'm not at all interested. He knows and said he would do it without me.

I thought we were good until I found out he still expects me to cover 60 percent of his solo excursion. When I explained that since this was something for him only, I didn't think it would be fair that I pay, he seemed really put out and said he thought we would split every expense 60/40. He can afford the excursion without me but he'd have to cut back and save up, starting now.

Am I being unfair or is he trying to take advantage of my generosity? – Vacation Snag

VACATION SNAG: I can't imagine any scenario where I would ask a partner, friend or even benefactor for this money – much less be *miffed not to get it*.

Not sure I could get past it, even. Any technical arguments for the cost-split notwithstanding.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Off-roader, for short
4 Nile wader
8 Sine — non
11 Prefix meaning "recent"
12 Town meetings
13 Cash-givers, for short
14 Asian language
15 Baby horse
16 Baroness Karen
17 Rich pastry
19 Young goat
21 Vigorous
22 Without ice
25 Adorned
29 — Moines
31 Early Peruvian
34 — Kippur
35 Stoic philosopher
36 Meadow rodent
37 Gehrig or Rawls
38 Handwriting on the wall
39 Formal vote
40 Bahamas resort
42 Early harp
44 Bland
47 Had fries
49 Elixir
51 Feudal estate
54 Almost-shut
56 CT kin
57 Blockhead
58 Exclusive
59 Time period
60 — Wiedersehen
61 Wife of Geraint
62 Double helix

DOWN
1 Chip in
2 Coach
3 Monsieur's shout
4 Riskier
5 Obnoxious one
6 Mr. Levin
7 Polio vaccine inventor
8 OJ buys
9 Emma in "The Avengers"
10 Set a price
13 Staffer
18 Kelp
20 Gary's st.
23 Economist — Smith
24 Pierre's noggin
26 Jean Auel heroine
27 Dove sounds
28 Down Under birds
30 Mama's boy
31 Kind of league
32 Christmas song
33 Soil component
35 Hoopsters' venue
40 After deductions
41 Doted on
43 White-water transport
45 Faced the target
46 Steel additive
48 Alleviate
49 Sanskrit dialect
50 Tijuana tot
51 Rx monitor
52 Promissory note
53 Leprechaun kin
55 Bon Jovi of rock

Answer to Previous Puzzle

P	A	L	S		U	S	A		E	D	G	E
A	L	I	T		N	O	W		Y	O	U	R
D	E	E	R		J	U	L	I	E	N	N	E
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			K	L	M		M	O	N			
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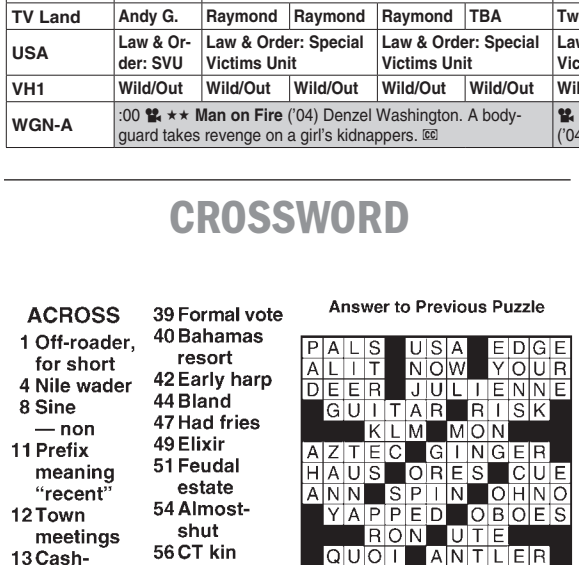

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TWHIC

GYMGU

SLENET

VLVEEO

Where did you study? Are you familiar with Daisy's breed?
Are you a cat person or a dog person?
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THEY WEREN'T SURE WHICH ANIMAL HOSPITAL TO TAKE THEIR DOG TO, SO THEY DID SOME ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print the answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FORTY TOOTH MENACE SCURRY
Answer: The cat was taking a nap and so were the — REST OF THEM

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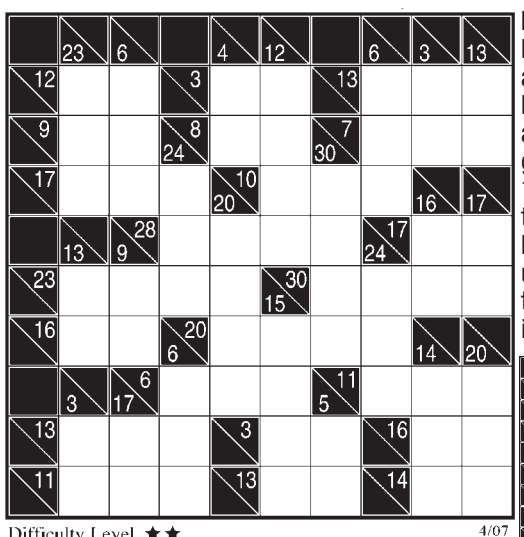
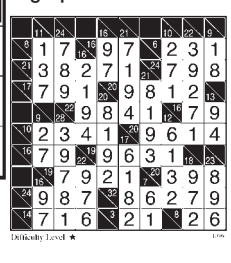
KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★ 4/07

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Willie Nelson said, "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll start having positive results."

In bridge, we have negative inferences, which, if you use them beneficially, will result in positive results. In today's deal, how should South plan the play in five diamonds after West leads a trump, and East follows suit?

The good auction ended in the rarest game: five of a minor. But note that three no-trump is down immediately after a heart lead and a shift to the spade jack.

What suit would West usually lead after this auction?

Right – a spade. When he doesn't do that, what conclusion can South draw?

That West has the spade ace. So, declarer is faced with three losers: two spades and one club. But he will only lose those spades if East can lead the suit. East must not be allowed to win a trick.

South was tempted to lead a low heart from the board at trick two. Maybe East, with the heart ace, would play that card, worried that declarer had a singleton queen. But South realized that if that ploy didn't work (or couldn't, because West had the heart ace), he would be poorly placed.

South's second plan was much better. He called for the heart king. When East covered with the ace, declarer ruffed, played a trump to the dummy and led the heart jack. This time East played low, so South discarded one of his low clubs.

West was welcome to the trick, but now declarer established dummy's clubs without letting East on play. South took seven diamonds and four clubs.

North 04-07-20
♠ 9 4
♥ K J 3
♦ A J 10
♣ K 8 7 4 2

West
♠ A Q 5 3
♥ Q 9 5 4 2
♦ 6 2
♣ 10 5

East
♠ J 10 8 6
♥ A 10 8 7 6
♦ 3
♣ Q J 9

South
♠ K 7 2
♥ —
♦ K Q 9 8 7 5 4
♣ A 6 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	2♥	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♦	Pass
5♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♦ 2

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

	9		4		3		2	
4				9		3	5	
1	3	5	8	7				6
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3	1			8			9	5
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	4	7		3				2
	6		5		7		3	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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3	2	1	4	6	8	5	9	7
8	9	6	7	1	5	2	4	3
7	5	9	6	4	1	3	8	2
2	6	3	5	8	9	1	7	4
1	4	8	3	2	7	9	5	6

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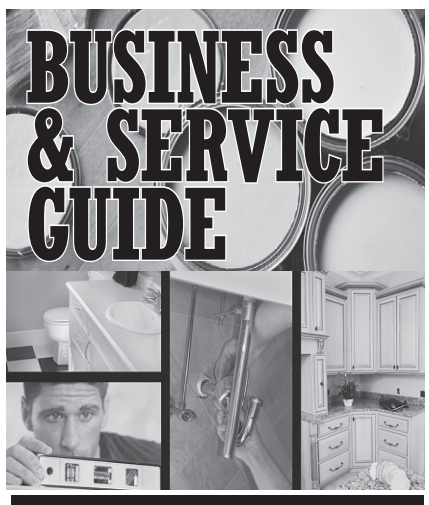

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

TUESDAY, APRIL 7

Good intentions, followed by discipline and dedication, will lead to success. Stick to your plan and refuse to let anyone talk you into outlandish ideas that will bust your budget and schedule. Personal growth, improvement and love are featured, and should be your priorities as the year unfolds.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be receptive to new ideas. Friendships will develop into exciting partnerships. Don't sit back; take advantage of whatever comes your way. Romance is in the stars. Focus on fairness and equality.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Don't agree to anything until you have what you want in writing. A change is in order, and negotiating on your behalf will be in your best interest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Too much talk will result in you sharing information that's best not discussed in public. Passion, not arguments, should be your focus. Don't neglect a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you aren't precise regarding your intentions, someone will misinterpret you. How you conduct business will make a difference. Stick to what's doable and promise only what you can deliver.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Voice your opinion. Your insight and assessment will instill confidence in others. How you ask for things will determine what you get. Romance will improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Bending to demands will put you in a vulnerable position. Take care of your own needs first. If you're not happy, you won't be able to make a difference in someone else's life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) A change of scenery will give you a new lease on life. Travel for business or pleasure and break up the monotony. Take time to do something that makes you happy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Someone will be jealous of your success. Keep your thoughts and intentions private. You'll advance if you stick to plans and strive for perfection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your emotional well-being may be in jeopardy if you give someone the wrong impression. Listen to complaints and offer honest and constructive suggestions. Romance is on the rise and personal gain is within reach.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Work on projects that don't require a lot of travel or communication. Expect delays or problems with shipments, mail or equipment. Be prepared to make a last-minute change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Update your look or your image, and it will give you the confidence to take a position of leadership. Spend time with a loved one. Focus on self-awareness.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't take on someone else's problem. You can offer suggestions, but then move on to matters that will benefit you, not someone else. Develop an idea and reap the rewards.

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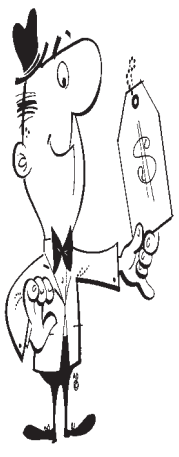

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OBITUARIES

George Flanagan

March 28, 1934 – April 3, 2020

George Flanagan, 86, of Buchanan passed away Friday, April 3, 2020, at home with his family by his side.

A celebration of life will be held privately with the family on Wednesday, April 8, at Swem Chapel in Buchanan. Burial will take place in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The funeral home has implemented a new program, "Hugs from Home," that allows people confined to their homes to share tokens of love and support. White balloons will be placed in the chapel with notes from those who called in or left a message online at www.swemchapel.com.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Berrien County Youth Fair.

George was born March 28, 1934, to Marvin and Hazel (Fay) Flanagan at home in Buchanan. On Aug. 26, 1961, he married Rosalie Garab in South Bend.

He began his professional career with Bendix, where he retired in 1993, after 42 years of service. George was a quiet man, but when he spoke, people wanted to listen, whether it was advice or life lessons. He had a strong work ethic, and passed that trait through his family.

George was a great craftsman and "handyman," and built their home in 1973. He enjoyed fishing, splitting wood and was involved in the Berrien County Youth Fair. Most of all, George cherished time spent with his family.

George is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rosalie Flanagan; son, Tim (Renee) Flanagan; daughter-in-law, Lisa (Dave Cox) Flanagan; grandchildren, Amanda (Jim) Acker, Travis Flanagan and Joshua Flanagan; great-grandchildren, Nathaniel Acker and Gretchen Acker; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Marvin and Hazel Flanagan; son, Tad Flanagan in 2010; and sisters, Almeta and Martha Pruett.

LeAndrew 'Butch' Walton

Oct. 25, 1947 – March 28, 2020

LeAndrew "Butch" Walton, 72, of Benton Harbor departed this life March 28, 2020.

A public visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-noon on Friday, April 10, at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. A private funeral service for immediate family will follow. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbothersfh.com.

Butch was born on Oct. 25, 1947, in Chicago, to Christen Lacey Walton and Marion "MT" Walton. He graduated from Crane High School, Chicago, in 1966. Butch served in the United States Army from 1967-1969 and then in the Army Reserves from 1969-1971. He accepted Christ at an early age at Morning Star Baptist Church in Chicago and moved to Benton Harbor and became a member of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, where he sung in the choir and the male chorus. Butch was joined in holy matrimony to Silvia Henry on Dec. 29, 2008. He loved listening to oldie but goodies music, playing cassette tapes, skating, singing, reading books, going to Goodwill and watching "Family Feud." Butch was known for being well-dressed; everything had to match. His last known job was at Family Funeral Home.

Butch leaves cherished memories in the hearts of his wife, Silvia Henry-Walton; daughters, Sade (Deon) Kelly, Latoya (Devin) Jackson and Shikita Carr; special nephew, Myron Stubbs; three sisters; four brothers; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; four stepchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, brother, stepdaughter, nephew and a host of uncles and aunts.

Death notices

Carlene Brown, 71, of Watervliet died April 5, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Lois "Ann" Carlisle, 67, of Niles died April 3, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Francine Daisy, 58, of Dowagiac died April 2, 2020, at home. Clark Chapel and Cremation Services, Dowagiac, 782-2135.

George Flanagan, 86, of Buchanan died April 3, 2020, at home. Swem Chapel and Cremation Services, Buchanan, 695-6881.

Betty E. Haas, 94, of Sawyer died April 3, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Charles D. Hurse, 66, of Benton Harbor died April 2, 2020. Kubiak-Cook Funeral Services, Wayland, Mich., 792-2237.

Gertrude "Trudy" Latham, 90, of Covert died April 1, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Julie D. Murphy, 52, of Waterloo, Ind., formerly of Watervliet, died April 2, 2020, at home. Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Michael Rauch, 50, of Niles died April 3, 2020. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Wilma D. Reitz, 100, of Stevensville died April 5, 2020, at Petrona's Country Home, Baroda. Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Steven Allen West, 61, of Dowagiac died April 4, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Randy Wolf, 61, of Eau Claire died April 5, 2020, at Royalton Manor, St. Joseph. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Wilma Dorothy Reitz

Nov. 14, 1919 – April 5, 2020

Wilma Dorothy Reitz, 100, of Stevensville passed away Sunday, April 5, 2020, at Petrona's Country Home, Baroda.

A public Celebration of Life will be announced and held later. Wilma will be laid to rest next to her husband, Theodore F. Reitz, in Lincoln Township Cemetery, Stevensville. Memorial contributions may be made to Petrona's Country Home, 8948 Second St., Baroda, MI 49101. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Wilma was born Nov. 14, 1919, in Three Oaks, the daughter of the late William and Molly (Gryniewicz) Buke. On Oct. 21, 1936, she married Theodore F. Reitz, and he preceded her in death in 1989. Together they enjoyed camping and racing stock cars.

Survivors include her daughter, Judith (Warren) McMillen; sons, Richard (Nancy) Reitz and Michael (Cindy) Reitz; daughter-in-law, Molly Reitz; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Wilma was also preceded in death by her son, Theodore Reitz Jr.; a brother, John Buke; and a sister, Irene Kleckner.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

Gertrude 'Trudy' Latham

April 28, 1929 – April 1, 2020

Trudy's life began April 28, 1929, in Alabama. She spent her childhood in Alabama and Tennessee, and as an adult moved to Michigan.

Trudy worked for many years in several prominent factories until she found her true calling – home health care. Outside of work, Trudy enjoyed crocheting and traveling. She was also a longtime member of Midway Baptist Church in Watervliet.

She leaves behind a large loving family to cherish her memory, including her husband of 24 years, James Latham; six children, Robert (Margee) Latham, Judi (Greg) Arnt, Roger (Linda) Latham, Craig Latham, Dorothy Leas and John (Dawn) Latham; four stepchildren, Jason Latham, Danny Latham, Melissa Hopper and James Latham; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Teeters; and many nieces and nephews.

Trudy died Wednesday, April 1, 2020, surrounded by her loving family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Fannie Mae (Daniel) Terry; a son, Bruce; a daughter, Donna; and two brothers, Gentry "Buddy" and Glenn.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting Trudy's family with cremation, and she will be buried later in Watervliet Cemetery.

Messages of comfort for Trudy's family can be left online at www.hutchinsfuneral.com.

Charles D. Hurse

Oct. 1, 1953 – April 2, 2020

Charles Darnell Hurse, 66, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020.

Charles, the first-born of Renzie E. Hurse Jr. and Christine Hurse Jackson, was born on Oct. 1, 1953.

Charles was a lifelong resident of Benton Harbor. He was baptized in and attended the Church of Christ, 1451 E. Main St., Benton Harbor. Charles attended Benton Harbor Area Schools until the age 17. At just 17, Charles left Benton Harbor to serve his country in the U.S. Army from 1972-74.

Charles enjoyed playing football at Hull School and walking his younger siblings to school and back home. Charles also loved his music, such as Miles Davis and The Temptations. However, what Charles loved the most was food. Charles loved to eat.

Charles leaves behind to mourn his loving memories his father, Renzie E. Hurse Jr. of Benton Harbor; brother, Jimmie L. Hurse of Detroit; sister, Renee (Charles) Isom of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three nieces, Akeya (Chris) Tatum of Atlanta, Becky Hurse of Jacksonville, Fla., and Christel Hayes of Detroit; nephew, Gabriel Hayes of Ypsilanti; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, great-nieces, great-nephews and one great-great-nephew.

Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Christine Hurse-Jackson; sister, Cynthia A. Hurse; nephew, Willie E. R. Hurse; maternal grandparents, Patrick Alexander and Rosie Alexander-Smith; and paternal grandparents, Renzie Sr. and Pearl Hurse.

Burial will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery.

Messages and memories can be left online at www.kubiakcook.com.

Betty Elaine Haas

Feb. 26, 1926 – April 3, 2020

Betty Elaine Haas, 94, of Sawyer passed away on Friday, April 3, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Lincoln Township.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date in Riverside Cemetery, Three Oaks. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice at Home, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Betty was born Friday, Feb. 26, 1926, in Sawyer, the daughter of the late Henry and Lizzie (Habel) Edinger. She married Harold Haas on June 16, 1951, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 2008. Betty enjoyed organic gardening and selling her tomatoes, green beans and lettuce at her home. Betty also loved flowers and grew zinnias.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy., Bridgman.

Francine Daisy

Sept. 15, 1961 – April 2, 2020

Francine Daisy, 58, of Dowagiac passed away Thursday, April 2, 2020, at her home.

A private gathering will be held at Clark Chapel in Dowagiac with burial following in Fairview Memorial Cemetery in Watervliet. Those wishing to share a memory of Francine online may do so at www.clarkch.com.

Francine was born Sept. 15, 1961, in Watervliet, to Howard and Agatha (Williams) Daisy. In her spare time, she enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family.

Francine is survived by her significant other of 34 years, Doroteo Galvan; sisters, Bonnie Daisy, Judy Daisy-Sink and Shirley (Frank) Gallegos; brother, Terry Daisy; and many nieces and nephews whom she loved with all her heart.

Francine was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: Ernest Daisy, Howard Daisy Jr., Jerry Daisy, Karen Daisy and Arlene Daisy.

Julie D. Murphy

Dec. 3, 1967 – April 2, 2020

Julie D. Murphy, 52, of Waterloo, Ind., and formerly of Watervliet, died April 2, 2020, at her home in Waterloo.

Services will be held at a later date this summer, and cremation has taken place.

Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma.

Share messages, memories or photos online at www.florin.net.

Julie was born Dec 3, 1967, in Benton Harbor, to Phyllis Hendrixson and James Murphy.

She was employed as an office worker. Julie loved to go fishing, and enjoyed doing yard work. She also did crocheting in her spare time. Most of all, Julie loved playing with her grandchildren.

Her family includes her children, Crystal Collins of Sodus and Courtney Collins of Matthews, N.C.; her mother, Phyllis (Gary) Hendrixson of Covert; her sisters, Tracy (Ryan) Davis of South Bend, Ind., and Brylee Murphy of Bremen, Ind.; her stepbrother, Garrett Hendrixson of Covert; and her five grandchildren, Alexia Craig, Arik Fulkerson, Andrew Fulkerson, Ayden Fulkerson and Aubrey Crowe.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Murphy, in 2010.

Freda Harris

April 12, 1931 – April 2, 2020

Freda Harris, 88, of Watervliet went to be with her family in heaven on April 2, 2020.

She was born in Sturkie, Ark., on April 12, 1931, and on Oct. 1, 1949, she and Lee Harris were married in Blytheville, Ark. Freda loved flowers, the color pink, sewing, her country roots, the Grand Ole Opry and hamburgers. She loved watching birds and squirrels play at the feeders outside her window. But most of all, she loved her family. She was well-known for her kindness and was always ready to help family, friends and neighbors. Everyone who knew her said she was the sweetest person they ever knew. She was very much loved and many tears are being shed. Our hearts are broken.

She is survived is by her children, Dannie Harris (Sherri) and Lori Harris Cramer of Watervliet; grandchildren: Rebeka Harris Hays (Shawn), Nathan Harris (Amanda) and Cody Cramer; four great-granddaughters: Abbi, Bella, Kaitlyn and Olivia, all living locally; as well as her brother, Jim Hutchison (Doris) in Florida; and sister, Rita Kay Hutchison Lewis (Pete) of Sturkie.

Freda is preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Lee Harris, who passed away just 10 days before her on March 23, 2020; by her parents, William Osro (Toe) and Nova Hutchison; her brothers, Max of Peoria, Ill., and Duane of Sturkie.

Hutchins Funeral Home is assisting Freda's family with cremation. Her life will be celebrated at a later date. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Freda's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Honor Blackman, famous for her 'James Bond' role, dies at 94

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

NEW YORK — Honor Blackman, the potent British actress who took James Bond's breath away as Pussy Galore in "Goldfinger" and who starred as the leather-clad, judo-flipping Cathy Gale in "The Avengers," has died. She was 94.

Blackman's family said in a statement Monday that she died peacefully of natural causes at her home in Lewes, in southeastern England.

The honey-voiced Blackman first became a household name in the 1960s spy TV series "The Avengers." She joined the show in the second season as Cathy Gale, the leather-wearing anthropologist with martial arts skills. Blackman departed the show for Bond before "The Avengers" was exported to America, but her performance solving cases opposite Patrick Macnee caught the eye of Bond producer, Albert R. Broccoli. She and Macnee also recorded the hit song, "Kinky Boots," together.

But just as "The Avengers" was growing in popularity, Blackman departed it for the third James Bond film, playing Pussy Galore in 1964's "Goldfinger." In it, she makes an impression from the start, memorably introducing herself to Sean Connery's just awoken James Bond.

"Who are you?" Bond asks.

"My name is Pussy Galore."

"I must be dreaming," he responds, smiling to himself.

Blackman was 39 and five years older than Connery when she landed the role of Bond's love interest, and she long maintained the term of "Bond girl" didn't apply to her. In the film, Pussy Galore is the leader of a group of women aviators enlisted by the villain Auric Goldfinger. She uses judo (a skill carried over from "The Avengers") to attack Bond and their foreplay is physical and combative. After they each flip one another into piles of hay, Bond holds her down to kiss her. Eventually, she relents.

Blackman considered Pussy Galore – a lesbian in Ian Fleming's book – a kind of early feminist, and a different breed than the average Bond woman.

"In so many of the films, the girls just looked at James and fell flat on their backs," Blackman told the magazine TV Times in 2014. "Yet Pussy Galore was a career woman – a pilot who had her own air force, which was very impressive. She was never a bimbo."

Blackman was married twice, first to Bill Sankey, from 1948-1956, and then to actor Maurice Kaufman, with whom she adopted two children. She is survived by their children, Lottie and Barnaby, and four grandchildren.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Many libraries in Southwest Michigan are phasing out their telephone directories because out-of-area phone books are getting costly. "Directories which were once available free of charge must now be purchased and the cost is prohibitive," said Anne Friese, head librarian in Niles.

Charlene Torres, library assistant at Coloma Public Library, said purchasing new directories from 99 of the nation's largest cities would cost the library $3,348. The St. Joseph library has already discontinued ordering out-of-state phone books other than Indiana and Illinois, said library director Bob Nichols.

35 years ago – 1985

Construction of the second phase of improvements at Glenlord Beach Park in Lincoln Township is underway. Adding to the wooden stairway leading to the beach in phase I, improvements planned in phase II include construction of an observation deck; parking lot grading, paving and curbing; construction of a fence; beach grass planting; and site seeding and mulching.

50 years ago – 1970

Members of the local chapter of the German American National Congress (D.A.N.K.) attended ground breaking ceremonies Sunday for the start of the chapter's new $60,000 clubhouse located on Pipestone Road, north of Nickerson Avenue in Sodus Township. The first shovel of dirt was turned over by the D.A.N.K. national president, Walter Kollacks of Chicago.

Officers of the local organization include: Josef Baumann, president; Aldert Haller, vice president; and Hamman Eckert, second vice president.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, April 7, the 98th day of 2020. There are 268 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On April 7, 1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.

On this date:

In 1798, the Mississippi Territory was created by an act of Congress, with Natchez as the capital.

In 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.

In 1947, auto pioneer Henry Ford died in Dearborn, Michigan, at age 83.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

In 1962, nearly 1,200 Cuban exiles tried by Cuba for their roles in the failed Bay of Pigs invasion were convicted of treason.

In 1964, IBM introduced its System/360, the company's first line of compatible mainframe computers that gave customers the option of upgrading from lower-cost models to more powerful ones.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
T-storms Likely	Few Showers	Few Showers	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy
62°	45°	52° / 40°	41° / 33°	39° / 31°	47° / 41°

Local Outlook

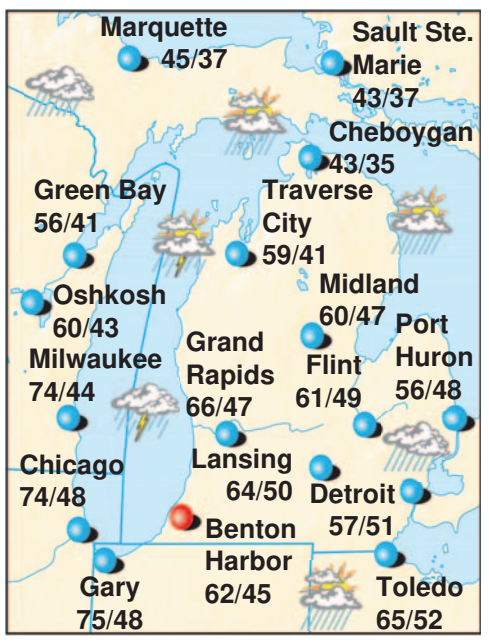
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 85% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 62°, humidity of 73%. South wind 7 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 45°. West wind 8 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:17 a.m.
Sunset	8:18 p.m.
Moonrise	7:58 p.m.
Moonset	7:24 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
4/7	4/14	4/22	4/30

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature	
High	63°
Low	31°
Normal High	56°
Normal Low	35°
Record High	80° in 2010
Record Low	22° in 2002
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal for month	0.57"
Year to date	6.93"
Normal Year to date	6.22"

Air Quality

Yesterday	66
Main Offender	Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

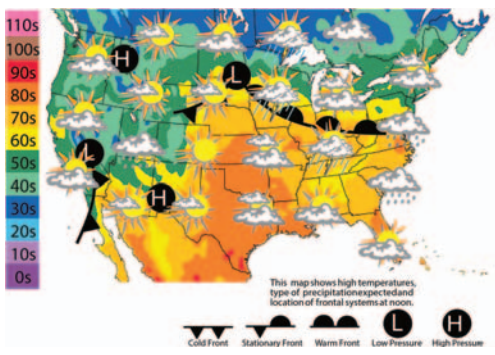
Weather Trivia

In what year was the first official tornado warning issued?

Answer: The first public tornado warnings were issued in 1953.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for April 7, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind around 6 kt. Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 37 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 40s and 50s. East wind 6 to 17 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. West wind 8 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 50s and 60s. South wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West northwest wind 6 to 9 mph.

3M, U.S. reach agreement that allows mask exports to Canada

By ROB GILLIES
Associated Press

TORONTO — Manufacturing giant 3M said Monday it has an agreement with the Trump administration that will allow the company to continue to export N95 protective masks to Canada and Latin America amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The company said the U.S. government and 3M have a plan to produce 166.5 million masks over the next three months to support healthcare workers in the United States.

President Donald Trump had used his authority under the 1950 Defense Production Act to stop exporting such masks, also known as respirators. The move to block such masks, which are crucial in protecting healthcare workers on both sides of the border from the virus that causes COVID-19 disease, outraged many officials in Canada.

"The Administration is committed to working to address and remove export and regulatory restrictions to enable this plan. The plan will also enable 3M to continue sending U.S. produced respirators to Canada and Latin America, where 3M is the primary source of supply," the company said in a statement.

The premier of Canada's most populous province, Ontario, said earlier Monday that U.S. officials had stopped 3 million masks from getting to Ontario from 3M, though he said was told that 500,000 of them were being released Monday.

Ontario Premier Doug Ford said that he was hopeful Canada would get an exemption and that he felt better about that after speaking with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer.

"It is absolutely critical that they except Canada from this presidential order," Ford said.

Ford said delays in global shipments and recent restrictions at the U.S. border had left Ontario with about a one-week supply of critical protective equipment.

Canadian Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland said the flow of medical equipment benefits both countries and needs to continue.

State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus said in a statement that U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had spoken to Canada's foreign minister about it and "reiterated the United States' desire to work with Canada to ensure the viability of international supply chains for crucial medical supplies and personnel, while also meeting the needs of regions with the most severe outbreaks."

RENTALS

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to vacation, which is a clear violation of Gov. Whitmer's Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order," Dissette and Thompson wrote in the letter. "The law is clear when it comes to what is, and what is not acceptable when it comes to lodging. Vacation lodging or short-term vacation rentals do not qualify as essential businesses. ... This is not a suggestion; it is the law."

This time of year is when South Haven's busy tourism season begins to ramp up, according to Scott Reinert, executive director of the South Haven/Van Buren County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

"We normally see bookings for the summer pick up significantly in March and April," Reinert said. The number of bookings this year is dismal at best.

"As you would expect due to the virus and the governor's executive order related to lodging, bookings for April and May have dropped dramatically," Reinert noted. "I'm anticipating a 90 percent drop in revenues for those two months."

But even though bookings are down, city officials want to make sure that lodging establishments still adhere to the governor's stay-at-home order.

Police say they will cite any violators of the stay-at-home order, who could face a $1,000 fine and up to 90 days in jail.

South Haven is home to more than 500 homes registered as vacation rentals. Many of the homes are listed through property rental businesses, such as Beachwalk Properties.

When the pandemic began to unfold in Michigan, Beachwalk Properties offered credits to people who had made reservations that landed during the span of the governor's executive order.

"As you can imagine, this has a financial impact upon homeowners by displacing revenue for those future dates," said Gerald Webb, spokesperson for Beachwalk Properties. "However, Beachwalk believes this is the right thing to do for the guests in these difficult circumstances."

Webb, however, pointed out that there may be a few instances where it might be good to use a short-term rental during the governor's order.

"Beachwalk has received several inquiries for guests who are seeking shelter for purposes of quarantining themselves from other members of a household," he said. "One example was a family looking for shelter away from a family member who had returned from a trip that could have involved exposure to COVID-19, and the family member was concerned for exposure to the balance of the family. Therefore, they were looking for a home where they could take the balance of the family and the pet."

Even so, the law is the law, according to Reinert.

"The governor's executive order makes it clear that only lodging for essential workers or needy individuals are allowed for the duration of the order; vacation rentals are not allowed," Reinert said. "The sooner we get through this, the sooner we can welcome vacationers back to our beautiful community."

While tourism for April and May in the South Haven area will be way down, revenue generated during the two months only represents a fraction of the overall dollars that tourism generates, according to Reinert.

"The spring April and May season, while vitally important for our lodging and related businesses, does not represent a significant portion of tourism-related revenues for the year – about 10 percent overall," Reinert said. "So while losing these revenues is devastating, we have the chance to save a good portion of the peak season if we are able to come through this (pandemic) in the coming weeks."

LOWE'S

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many people can be in the store at one time.

"We appreciate that. It's a good step," he said. "... We're asking for voluntary compliance. It's for the public's safety as well as their own."

While the governor's stay-at-home executive order is in place, home improvement stores are only allowed to supply goods to the general public that are "necessary to maintain and improve the safety, sanitation and essential operations of a residence," and should have as few employees as needed to support those sales, according to a news release from Attorney General Dana Nessel.

"Willful violations of the Stay Home, Stay Safe executive order can result in a $500 fine and/or 90 days in jail for each offense," the release states.

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MILLER

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good food.

Epidemiology is kind of the backbone of public health because we provide a lot of the data and decisions that drive a lot of the policies made in public health.

There's a lot of advice and information flying around right now. What is most important for you, as an epidemiologist, that you'd want to let people know?

Right now we're in the mitigation phase of a pandemic. We know we can't stop the spread of coronavirus in our communities. It's widespread.

The lockdown orders, and people coming into contact with less people, are going to directly impact how the curve bends. Now that people are coming into less close personal contact with others, there's less risk. But I can't say there's no risk.

Your risk is directly dependent on your own behaviors. Coronavirus doesn't go through the skin in our hands, it needs to enter our eyes, nose or our mouth. So if I completely refrain from ever connecting whatever that virus was to my eyes, nose and mouth, I'm very unlikely to get it.

But, if I touch something gross, then pick up a sandwich and contaminate the sandwich, and eat it, that could be my disease transmission. So one of the best recommendations we have to stop this is: wash your hands.

The second most important thing is social distancing. If you did decide to do this interview in my office, and we were in close proximity for more than two minutes, it'd be possible that the particles of spit that I'm putting into the air while I'm talking to you can hit your eyes, nose and mouth. That's the droplet spread we're concerned about.

If I'm an infected person, a good way to mitigate that if we're going to be in close personal contact, is to put a mask on me. I know I can't hit you with my droplets if I have a mask on. That's still our recommendation – we're masking the sick people.

Now that we're moving into knowing there are people that are a-symptomatic transmitters, I very well could have a virus and could spread it to you. So, if you're going to be having contact with strangers, which no one should be right now, you should wear a mask to protect the stranger from whatever you might be carrying around.

There are people in their homes right now watching movies about pandemics, do any of them get it right?

I've seen a few of them, because as an epidemiologist I was interested in them when they first came out, but a lot of them are like the CSI's of epidemiology.

In those shows, the police officer is doing all of the work. That'd be awesome if I was the field epidemiologist going in with my hazmat suit trying to find patient zero, but a lot of it happens at a computer desk, trying to figure out, based on statistical analysis or simple contract tracing, who's exposed and where this is coming from.

Do you have pets or family members you've been spending a lot of time with?

I have a roommate that I've known since I was 3 years old. So that's really where I've been spending my time, other than work. I have awesome colleagues. I see these people much more often than I see my family. We're considering everyone here at the health department close personal contacts. We are like a family here.

My birthday was March 27; my 30th birthday. We celebrated here at the health department. Everybody brought in cupcakes and cookies, so I was able to have somewhat of a celebration with my close contacts here.

Is there anything else you'd like to make sure I include about you or that you want people to know?

I can't emphasize enough how lucky, I think, Berrien County is to have the partnerships we do, especially Spectrum Health Lakeland. They've stepped up in a huge way in their ability to get results for tests faster than the state can. Their turn-around time is about 24 hours, while the state takes about seven days. That makes a huge difference when we're contact tracing.

Another message for the public, a positive COVID-19 test does not change the way you'll be treated. A positive test simply tells public health that we need to get ahold of you, start doing a contact investigation and tell you to stay home.

Even before COVID-19, that is our recommendation. If you're sick, don't go to work because you're going to spread that illness around, whether it's flu, COVID-19 or something else. I can't stress that enough; people need to listen to that advice. You're doing a great thing for your coworkers and their family members who they might be going home to. People need to take this seriously.

Not everybody needs to be tested. We're really saving these tests for how we're going to triage people in the hospital when they need critical care, like if they need to go to the COVID-19 unit. We don't want to put them at any more risk if we know they don't have COVID by admitting them to the hospital.

We don't have enough tests in Berrien County and even if we did test everyone in Berrien County today, your risk will change by next week. You'd have to be tested again because you could be re-exposed. Getting a negative test is not a clean bill of health.

It's about minimizing your exposure, and if you're symptomatic stay home, stay away from people.

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